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DR. LIVINGSTONE.

First Reports of the Sources of the Nile —Twenty Lakes Discovered— "Geographers Mostly Insane," According to the Great Traveller.

From India, through Europe by mail, we have the following letters relative to the explorations and discoveries of Dr. Livingstone not published hitherto:—

From the Bombay Gazette, Oct. 20.

The following interesting letter was yesterday placed by Government at the disposal of the press:—from John Kirk, the Political Agent, and her Majesty's Consul, Zanzibar, to C. Gonne, Esq., Secretary to Government, Bombay, Political Department.

ZANZIBAR, Sept. 7, 1869.—Sir:—On the 21st of August I had the honor to communicate tidings of Dr. Livingstone. I then informed you in my despatch No. 91-321 of his arrival at Ujiji, a trading station on the eastern side of Lake Tanganyika. There Dr. Livingstone would find not only the goods sent after he started on his journey, but also a second supply despatched last year to await his expected arrival.

He will then be in possession for the first time of the important discoveries of Sir Samuel Baker, which were published subsequent to his departure, and these detail maps will no doubt guide the future steps.

I now do myself the honor to enclose, for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, a copy of the general portion of a letter that I have this day received. The remainder of Dr. Livingstone's letter, which I have omitted, relates entirely to the despatch of additional stores, which I shall lose no time in sending, at his request, to Ujiji. It is also mentioned that a credit had been long ago applied for on Messrs. Smith & Fleming, of Bombay, to be drawn in Zanzibar, in payment of goods and stores. As Messrs. H. A. Fraser & Co., the agent of Messrs. Smith & Flemming, have received no instructions to this effect, I doubt not the order either has been lost or is still in the hands of some Arab traders in Africa.

The chief point of geographical interest in the present letter of Dr. Livingstone is the statement that the sources of the Nile are to be found in the lakes and rivers that drain the great valley in which Cazembe is situated, lying to the south of Tanganyika, between ten and twelve degrees of south latitude.

The town of Cazembe, from which Dr. Livingstone's last letters were dated, has been already visited and described by two Portuguese missions. It is situated on a chain of lakes and rivers that flow northwards.

The Chambzi, having collected by many streams the waters of the northern slope of the damp elevated plains, flows to join Lake Bungweolo; this again is connected with Lake Moero by the Loupula, on whose banks the town of Cazembe is built. Moero in its turn is drained by the Sualaba into another lake named Ulenge, and here exploration ends. Natives have told Dr. Livingstone that Ulenge is an island-studded lake, whose waters join the Lufira, a large river coming from the western side of some great plain whose eastern slope is drained by the Chambezi. This united stream, some say, enters the Tanganyika, and thence by the Loanda into Lake Chowambe, but Dr. Livingstone's informants are not unanimous, and some assert that the Lufira passes to the west of Tanganyika and so to the Lake Chowambe, which, Dr. Livingstone thinks, is the same as the Albert Nyanza of Sir Samuel Baker. In fact, the interest of the journey centres in the southern connections of the Albert Nyanza, and Arab traders generally agree in thinking that a water communication does exist between that and the Tanganyika, but I have not met with any one who professes to have traced out this communication. From Arabs who visit Cazembe I learn that the lakes now described by Dr. Livingstone are of considerable size, probably from five to ten days' march in length, and, like Nyassa, Tanganyika and the Albert Nyanza, overhung by high mountain slopes, which open out in bays and valleys, or leave great plains, which, during the rainy season, become flooded, so that caravans march for days through water kneedeep, seeking for higher ground on which to pass the night. The country abounds with large game and domestic cattle, while the climate is spoken of as not unhealthy, and is certainly a contrast to the Zanzibar coast, if we may judge from the tanned, healthy-looking traders who return.

Yours, etc., JOHN KIRK.

DR. LIVINGSTONE'S LETTER.

Extracts from a letter addressed to John Kirk, Acting Political Agent, her Britannic Majesty's Consul, Zanzibar, received at Zanzibar on 7th September, 1869.

After enumerating things needed, such as cloth, beads, etc., which are to be sent to Ujiji by first opportunity, Dr. Livingstone says:—"I have had no news from anywhere for two years and upwards. The Arabs have all been overflowing in kindness. I borrow this paper from Mahomed Bagarib, for I am up here without any. In fording rivers and brooks I should have got all spoiled. I am greatly obliged by the Sultan's letter, and beg you to say to his Highness I don't know which of his servants has served me most, where all have shown kindness and good will.

For Captain Frazer and our friends at Zanzibar I may say I have found what I believe to be the source of the Nile, between ten degrees and twelve degrees south, or nearly in the position assigned to them by Ptolemy.

It is not one source from a lake, but upwards of twenty of them. Lake Liemba, which possibly is an arm of Tanganyika, has four rivers flowing into it. One I measured and found it to be 294 feet, say 100 yards wide and waist deep, and flowing fast in September. No rain had fallen since 12th May; elsewhere it almost requires canoes. This has eleven good sized "buons" flowing into it. Taking these four rivers as one line of drainage (a fifth from Marengo must be added), and then the Chambezi flows from the side into one centre of the great valley and receives there streams as large as the Isis at Oxford or Avon at Hamilton.

Chambezi enters Bangweolo lake and receives two streams, then changes its name to Luapula, and flowing north, receives two streams about fifty yards each. Luapula receives one and enters Moero lake to receive five streams; one is eighty yards broad and always requires canoes; on leaving Moero it is called Lualaba, which receives two good sized streams, and it forms Ulenge, either a lake with many islands or a division with many streams which are taken up by the Lufira, a large river, which by five branches drains the west side of the great valley, which probably is that of the Nile.

I have still to follow down the Lualaba and see whether, as the natives assert, it passes Tanganyika to the west, or enters it and finds an exit by the river called Locinda into lake Chowambe, which I conjecture to be that discovered by Mr. Baker.

I shall not follow Lualaba by canoes, as we did the Zambezi from near the Victoria Falls to the Kebrabassa. That was insanity, and I am not going to do any more mad things merely to please geographers, who are mostly insane. My positions have been altered for the most idiotic reasons at places where no one else observed or will observe in our day; and after all our care in laying down Lake Nyassa, 200 miles are tacked on to its northwest end, the which 200 miles of water are perched up on a height of 3000 feet above the rest. If any letters have come for me please send them up to Ujiji till further notice. I send to your care a letter to Lord Clarendon, one for Miss Livingstone, and for Sir Roderick Murchison, and I trust you will forward them at your convenience, in proper envelopes.

Yours, etc., DAVID LIVINGSTONE.

Dated near Lake Bangweolo, July 8, 1869.

CHILD-MURDER.

Trial of a Colored Man for Whipping a Boy to Death.

From the Chicago Post, Dec. 17.

The trial of Louis Bates, a colored man, for whipping his nephew, Jacob Bates, to death, is taking place at the Recorder's Court. Some time in May last, it was sworn to, Bates took the child, tied his arms and legs together, laid him on the floor and beat him with a strap. A young man living opposite Bates says he came home about 9 o'clock, and passing Bates' house heard the sound of blows. He went on to his house, but hearing the beating continued, he returned to Bates and found him whipping the child. The boy was lying naked on the floor, tied. He told Bates to stop beating the child, to which Bates replied that he would make the boy tell the truth or kill him. He further said that he would keep the boy a year, and if he could do no better with him would send him to the Reform School. Witness left the house, but soon afterwards learned that the boy had fainted. He then went for Dr. Wickersham, but before the physician arrived the boy was dead.

Drs. Pitcher and Wickersham testified to having made a *post-mortem* examination. There were two abrasions on the head. The boy's back was literally covered with stripes. The skin had been broken in many places. There was a pleuritic adhesion of the lungs, but not serious enough to endanger health. It was their opinion that the boy died from a nervous shock, produced from prolonged punishment and excessive fright.

An application was made after court to extend the bail limits to Bates, and while the arguments were taking place he got up and walked out. A bailiff walked after him and brought him back, and he was placed in the hands of the Sheriff.

KIDNAPPING.

A Father Steals His Daughter from Her Mother—$1000 Reward Offered for Her Recovery.

About a week ago there appeared an advertisement offering $1000 reward for the recovery of a little girl answering to the name of Corinna Lewis, 7 years of age, with long flowing flaxen hair and clear hazel eyes. The mother inserted this advertisement, and she also gave a description of the man she had good reason to believe had kidnapped her daughter.

The little girl and the man, who is the father of the child, were both met with in this city early yesterday morning, and about 12 o'clock yesterday were taken before Judge Hogan, at the Tombs Police Court. The name of the man, who is twenty-nine years of age, and of gentlemanly appearance, is Dr. William Lewis, of Boston. The circumstances, as related in court, afford another confirmation of the old-fashioned adage that truth is stranger than fiction, and another powerful illustration of woman's devotedness and man's villainy.

Little Corinna had been placed, by an order of the Supreme Court of Massachusetts, in the custody of the mother, Mrs. Lewis, as the result of a divorce suit which she had been under the necessity of entering in that Court, constrained thereto by her husband's inconstancies and cruelties. Dr. Lewis had by force obtained this child from her mother, and had brought her into this city after travelling through Canada so as to avoid pursuit of the detectives, who were placed immediately on the track as soon as the mother discovered the loss of the child. About 2 o'clock yesterday morning the Boston detectives, assisted by Woolbridge, found father and child at No. 75 East Seventieth street.

When Dr. Louis was brought before Judge Hogan he complained that he had been taken from his bed with the child, and brought through the streets to the station by the police, they having no warrant or magisterial authority to justify the arrest, and said that such a proceeding was a very high-handed outrage. He appealed to the Judge that before any examination took place that he should have an opportunity of consulting with counsel. Judge Hogan at once consented to this, and said the request was a very reasonable one, and the hearing was adjourned until 12 o'clock.

By this time the greatest possible interest was manifested in the case by all who had an opportunity of hearing anything about the arrest. On behalf of the mother, the detectives from Boston retained Mr. W. F. Howe as counsel, and Dr. Lewis had secured Mr. H. L. Crosby as his counsel.

Mr. Crosby, in a lengthy address, urged upon Judge Hogan that there was no authority for the arrest, and urged the dismissal of his client and the restoration of the child to the custody of the father. Mr. Howe said he would ask his Honor's attention for a few moments while he gave to him a short statement of the circumstances that had led the persons then present to be brought before the court. The defendant, Dr. Lewis, had pursued a life of open and unblushing immorality, and had shown an entire absence of affection to one who had by her devotion and love for him, raised him from poverty and obscurity to a position of social distinction, and given him the command of a very handsome fortune, and, what was more, had generously found him the means by which he had obtained the education that had enabled him to maintain that social position. Some years since Mrs. Lewis, who was a lady living in the highest circles of society, and a lady of education, great personal attractions, and immense wealth, had fallen in love with the defendant, who at that time was not a man of any education. With a generosity that was almost unprecedented, and with a devotion and self-sacrifice that ought to have awakened the devotion and gratitude of any man on whom this love was lavished, however degraded he might naturally be, she sent this Mr. Lewis to college before allowing him to become her husband, paying every cent of the expenses, and thus fitting him to be introduced to those circles in society of which she was so brilliant and distinguished a member.

They were married, and the result was the birth of the little girl, who was now asking the protection of the Court. Not very long after the child was born Lewis, instead of being the faithful and devoted husband that so good a wife deserved to possess, went abroad, and in riotous living and licentiousness absolutely squandered the colossal fortune that the generosity of his wife had placed at his disposal. He entered into *mesalliances* with female theatrical celebrities, and ladies frail but fair, and his amours became so notorious that Mrs. Lewis applied to the Supreme Court of Massachusetts for a divorce, which Court gave an order that the child should be given to the care of the mother pending the litigation involved in the divorce suit. The defendant, knowing that the mother loved that child with all the love of a mother, and would sacrifice fortune and life for it, resolved to possess her, and in violation of the order of the Massachusetts court had kidnapped her away. On this being made known an order was made for his arrest for contempt of court. He, however, went West to avoid the serving of that order, and was at length found in this city. Upon this state of facts Mr. Howe begged that the judge would hold the child in safe custody until the necessary papers could be procured from Boston and until the mother could arrive and claim her daughter.

Mr. Howe said his client would be quite satisfied if the child was placed in the care of any person, temporarily, the Court might appoint.

Judge Hogan then ordered that Detective Woolridge should retain the little girl in his care until 12 o'clock this day (Monday), by which time counsel on both sides would have an opportunity of applying to the Supreme Court in this city as to whom the custody of the child should be awarded. As there was no evidence against Dr. Lewis before him he should not detain him.

Mrs. Lewis has been communicated with by telegraph, and is expected in the city to-day. She will very probably give evidence before Judge Hogan at the adjourned examination. Mrs. Lewis has recently had a fortune left her by her mother, at her own disposal, and it is this newly acquired money that has had something to do with the kidnapping of the daughter.—*N. Y. Herald, this morning.*

GENERALITIES.

Immensely Wedded.

A very remarkable case of matrimony and divorce, on a somewhat unusual scale, occurred in Ohio recently, in connection with a transfer of real estate. The parties were all residents of Urbana, though the land transferred was within the borders of Clarke county. The facts are these:—A man in Urbana married a wife and was subsequently divorced from her. He married a second wife, and in the course of time was divorced from her also. The first wife had died in the interval, and not long ago the man obtained a license to remarry the second wife, to whom he has transferred the property above-mentioned. He has been thrice married and twice divorced, and has "stood up" before the parson a second time with the same woman.

Shot by Request.

A jolly old gentleman, who lives at Liberty, Missouri, named Robert Lincoln, a queer genius, whose eccentricities afford not a little amusement sometimes for his friends, a few days since, happening among a number of merry-makers, turned his back to them and requested some one to shoot him. A shot-gun loaded with bird-shot was standing near. One of the party, suiting the action to the word, picked up the gun and deliberately emptied its contents into that part of the body a few inches below the middle of the back of Mr. Lincoln. There were a few writhes of the body, a sudden reversion of the status of Mr. L.'s form—and that was all. Physicians are now engaged in extracting from his back the ingrained little shots lodged there. Otherwise, "Old Bob" is as well and as lively as ever.

Stanton on the Supreme Bench.

The New York *Tribune* to-day has the following despatch from Washington, dated yesterday:—

"The President, accompanied by the Vice-President, to-day called at the residence of Mr. Stanton, ex-Secretary of War, and tendered him the position of Justice of the United States Supreme Court, made vacant by the recent resignation of Justice Grier. Mr. Stanton accepted the offer, and the President said he would send the appointment to the Senate before the holiday recess."

—Mr. Colfax says that *he* did not express any such sentiments respecting polygamy when in Utah as Dr. Todd attributes to the Vice-President, and that Dr. Todd must have meant that he heard the second in authority in the Mormon Church thus speak on the Sabbath, and, as the highest officer is called "President," he styled the next in rank, to whom he alluded, the "Vice-President," although that is a title unknown in the Mormon Church.

SINGULAR TRAGEDY.

A Murder in a Cincinnati Hospital—One Patient Kills Another with a Pocket-knife.

About 6 o'clock last evening two of the patients in the Eye Infirmary Department of the Cincinnati Hospital, named Henry Myers and William D. Clayton, became engaged in a controversy, ending in the latter stabbing the former to the heart with a small penknife, resulting in the death of the wounded man in about fifteen minutes. Officer Orr, being sent for, took Clayton to the Ninth Street Station House, where he was locked up to await his examination before the Police Court.

Clayton claims that Myers had been quarrelling with him all day merely because he (Clayton) had objected to a boy being put up to insulting an old man, a patient in one of the wards. While the dispute was going on Clayton went into an adjoining room, where he was followed by Myers, who commenced a violent assault on him. As soon as possible he attempted to escape, but being followed by Myers, before he thought he struck at him with his small penknife, with which he was whittling a stick at the time, unintentionally giving a fatal blow.

As soon as the deed was accomplished, Clayton appeared to be bowed down with grief, weeping like a child at the thought of being a murderer.

Both of the principals to this affair are young men of the same age—Myers being a painter by trade, and hailing from Canada, while Clayton is a laborer, and was born in New York.—*Cincinnati Times, Dec. 1.*

LEGAL INTELLIGENCE.

U. S. District Court—Judge Cadwalader.

In the case of the United States vs. one still claimed by James Atwell, before reported, the jury were unable to agree, and were discharged from a further consideration of the matter.

This morning the Court took up the case of Samuel Pennington, who was indicted for perjury, the allegation on the part of the Government was that a distiller, Winston F. Rogers, of the Third district, being about to embark in the business of distiller, went before Collector Elliot to enter bond as required by law, and produced the defendant as one of his sureties; and, being examined under oath, the defendant stated that he was possessed of certain property which was free of all incumbrance, and at the same time he knew this oath to be false, a judgment at that time for $8000 pending against him in this court, and still another judgment against him as surety in the Quarter Sessions. On trial, Christian Kneass and John P. O'Neill, Esqs., for defendant.

Nisi Prius—Judge Williams.

Joseph Keller and Louisa Keller, his wife, in right of the said Louisa, vs. the Pennsylvania Central Railroad Company. This was an action to recover damages for the loss of Herman Auker, Mrs. Keller's son, by accident on the road of the defendants. On the twenty-first of September, 1864, accordingly the allegation, to Auker was a soldier passenger on the train from Pittsburg to this city and between Pittsburg and Harrisburg the train collided with a coal train, the cars were mashed, and among others the car in which Auker was took fire and was destroyed, and the car being locked he was unable to escape and was burned to death. On trial.

Court of Quarter Sessions—Judge Paxson.

The second period of the December Term began this morning. A new venire of jurors was returned to Court, and a greater part of the morning was consumed in hearing the excuses offered by jurors who wished to be exempted from service.

Charles Dubois pleaded guilty to a charge of the larceny of a box of raisins and firkin of butter, and Robert Bartholomew was convicted of the same.

Fanny Jones pleaded guilty to a charge of the larceny of an overcoat from a store at Seventh and Market streets.

William Turner, a fancy thief, pleaded guilty to two charges of stealing goods from the front of a store.

Francis Bradley and Lazarus Leary, two little bootblacks, were tried for the larceny of cutlery from a store at Fifth and Commerce streets. Michael Griffin, another little boy, who was indicted with the above named boys, pleaded guilty, and being called to the stand and put through a rigid examination as to the nature of an oath, which he did not understand, said that one Sunday he and the other boys went to the store in Commerce street and took a large number of articles away; but Michael Bird had nothing to do with it. He also said that the policemen who arrested him told him that if he would confess, they would let him off, and under this promise he had pleaded guilty, and told the whole truth; and therefore he appealed to the District Attorney to release him. Mr. Gibbons obtained the consent of the Court to the withdrawal of the boy's plea of guilty, and abandoned the prosecution on the ground that the testimony of an accomplice unsupported was not sufficient to warrant a conviction, and, moreover, this boy's testimony was avoided by the promises which induced it. After several repetitions of this by his Honors the jury at length made up their minds to acquit. The boys are in the hands of the Court, who can make a proper disposition of them.

THE NEW YORK MONEY MARKET.

From the N. Y. Herald.

"The speculative interest of the week was largely concentrated in the gold market, where the course of business was guided by the movements of the Treasury in its sales of the Government treasure. The action of Secretary Boutwell at the close of his November programme in refusing to sell below 122, to which point gold had suddenly gravitated, had been deemed a reasonable index for basing all business calculations connected with the premium on gold. There were but two sales during the week, one on Tuesday and the other on Friday. The open market price on the former day ranged from 122 upwards, so that no difficulty was had in placing the Government million at and above the limit. On Friday, however, the market had drifted to lower quotations, and a feverish anxiety was manifested as to what policy Mr. Boutwell would pursue, inasmuch as the bids would be and were below 122. Those who were hoping against hope in such a state of affairs desired that no change would be made in his policy. But the bids were accepted and gold eventually declined to 120¾. The amount bid for was less than half the amount offered, so that it would seem that Mr. Boutwell, in the desperation of his position with the merchants on the one hand demanding a more steady price for gold, and the radical politicians on the other threatening him should he obstruct the movement to specie payments, compromised the matter by accepting the bids for half a million. The people are no easier now as to the policy which he may pursue in the gold sales next week. Due allowance being made for the embarrassment of his situation on this vital question, he might have shown more firmness and more decision in handling it. Either it is right to sell gold at the market or it is not. But the worst result of this inconstancy of Mr. Boutwell, is his loss of the control of the market. The speculators are now independent of him. His ability to cope with the speculative combinations of Wall street has been sadly impaired by his lack of policy. The gold gamblers have drawn him along to a certain point, and there robbed him of his power to do them harm. It makes no difference to them what his course may be in the ensuing gold sales. Their plans cannot now be compassed by him. The decline in gold since the 1st of October has been about ten per cent. This is too sudden to be natural or healthy. Action is always followed by reaction in Wall street, as everywhere else. Secretary Boutwell limited his gold sales to two millions a month last summer, after numerous sporadic experiments with various amounts just after he came into office. The result was the formation of the gold ring and the rise to 165, at a time when we were shipping specie to Europe to pay for our imports. Towards the 1st of October he modified his programme and has since sold at the rate of ten to twelve millions a month at a time when cotton and produce were going to Europe, thus making a competition against them which has left it almost profitless to ship the products of our domestic industries. Next spring it will not be wonderful if millions of acres be untilled which this year have borne so abundantly. The farmer certainly has no incentive to expand while the policy of Mr. Boutwell cheats him of the fruits of his labor. It is time Mr. Boutwell showed a more practical knowledge of the wants of the community. His experiments so far have had a very fine apparent effect in the reduction of the premium on gold, and doubtless he fancies that foreign nations will regard him as a great financier because gold has gone down. But he has purchased his glory at the expense of the great agricultural interests of the country. Reverting to the question of gold sales, what Mr. Boutwell needs the application of a little simple common sense in so adjusting his programme that in summer, when we pay for our imports, gold shall be cheap, and in winter, when we are sending abroad our cotton and produce, gold shall not be cheaper."

—A negro named Jackson applied for registration in Texas, and brought a certificate bearing the name of Sam Smith, explaining the discrepancy thus:—"You see, massa, Smith he died and I married his widder and come to all his 'state, and you see dis here 'tificate was among his property, and I fell hare to it."

SECOND EDITION

LATEST BY TELEGRAPH.

The Reconstruction of Georgia—The Full Text of the Senate Bill—Indian Affairs—Storm and Disaster to Shipping.

Line and Staff Question—Matters at the White House—Comparative Mortality Between Colored and White Troops.

FROM WASHINGTON.

Indian Affairs.

Special Despatch to The Evening Telegraph.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Major-General Ord, commanding the Department of California, wrote to General Sherman, a few days since, in regard to outrages perpetrated upon the Indians by white vagabonds on the Plains, and traces to them much of the trouble that is experienced. General Thomas advocates the extension of civil authority over the Indians as the only means of protection for them, and General Sherman makes an indorsement that "a citizen may murder an Indian with impunity, but if the Indian retaliates, war results, and the United States must bear the expense."

Colored and White Soldiers.

The official reports received at the War Department show that while there were comparatively more white soldiers on the sick lists during the last year than there were colored soldiers, there were comparatively more deaths among the colored soldiers, and more discharges on surgeon's certificate of disability.

The White House.

The beautiful carpets made expressly for the green and red rooms of the Executive Mansion have just been put down. Mrs. Grant has had the magnificent life-size portrait of General Scott and the fine portraits of Gen. Phil. Sheridan and the late General John A. Rawlins suspended in the green room, and in the red room the painting of the President's family, by Coggswell.

Line and Staff.

Bill No. 204 in relation to the staff of the navy, introduced by Mr. Spencer, originated with the Medical Corps, who are disposed to act for themselves, leaving the paymasters and Engineers to fall in, or stay out in the cold. The "line" look down on the staff, the Surgeons look down on the paymasters, and the paymasters on the engineers. The policy of the "line" is to set the staff by the ears. Congress will very soon after the holidays take up this question of rank, and it is generally believed that the "line" will be convinced that brief authority and might does not make right.

The Washington Poor.

The Association for the Improvement of the Condition of the Poor of the City have commenced to distribute bread, in cases of extreme need, from their general depot.

Capitol-Mover Moved.

Mr. Reaves, the Capitol-mover, has left Washington, and several cords of his pamphlets are for sale at a second-hand bookstore, cheap, for wrapping paper.

Georgia Reconstruction—The Bill in Full as it Passed the Senate.

Despatch to the Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The following is the "Bill to promote the Reconstruction of the State of Georgia," as it finally passed the Senate at an early hour Saturday morning:—

Be it enacted, etc., That the Governor of the State of Georgia be, and hereby is, authorized and directed, forthwith, by proclamation, to summon all persons elected to the General Assembly of said State, as appears by the proclamation of George G. Meade, the General commanding the military district including the State of Georgia, dated June twenty-fifth, eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, to appear on some day certain, to be named in some proclamation, at Atlanta, in said State; and thereupon the said General Assembly of said State shall proceed to perfect its organization in conformity with the Constitution and laws of the United States, according to the provisions of this act.

Section 2. And be it further enacted, That when the members so elected to said Senate and House of Representatives shall be convened, as aforesaid, each and every member and each and every person claiming to be elected as a member of said Senate or House of Representatives shall, in addition to taking the oath or oaths required by the Constitution of Gorgia, also take and subscribe and file in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of Georgia one of the following oaths or affirmations, namely:—"I do solemnly swear (or affirm, as the case may be) that I have never held the office, or exercised the duties of, a Senator or Representative in Congress, nor been a member of the Legislature of any State of the United States, nor held any civil office created by law for the administration of any general law of a State, or for the administration of justice in any State or under the laws of the United States, nor held any office in the military or naval service of the United States, and thereafter engaged in insurrection or rebellion against the United States, or gave aid or comfort to its enemies, or rendered, except in consequence of direct physical force, any support, or aid, to any insurrection or rebellion against the United States, nor held any house under, or given any support to, any government of any kind organized or acting in hostility to the United States. So help me God (or on the pains and penalties of perjury, as the case may be.)" Or the following oath or affirmation, namely: "I do solemnly swear (or affirm, as the case may be) that I have been relieved, by an act of the Congress of the United States, from disability as provided for by section three of the fourteenth amendment to the Constitution of the United States. So help me God (or on the pains and penalties of perjury, as the case may be." Which oath or affirmation, when so filed, shall be entered of record by the Secretary of State of the State of Georgia, and said oath or affirmation, or a copy of the record thereof, duly certified by said Secretary of State, shall be evidence in all courts and places. And every person claiming to be so elected, who shall refuse, or decline, or neglect, or be unable to take one of said oaths or affirmations above provided, shall not be admitted to a seat in said Senate or House of Representatives, or to a participation in the proceedings thereof, but shall be deemed ineligible to such seats.

Section 3. And be it further enacted, That if any person claiming to be elected to said Senate or House of Representatives, as aforesaid, shall falsely take either of said oaths or affirmations above provided, he shall be deemed guilty of perjury, and shall suffer the pains and penalties thereof; and may be tried, convicted, and punished therefor by the Circuit Court of the United States for the District of Georgia, in which district said crime was committed; and the jurisdiction of said Court shall be sole and exclusive for the purpose aforesaid.

Section 4. And be it further enacted, That the persons elected, as aforesaid, and entitled to compose such Legislature, and who shall comply with the provisions of this act, by taking one of the oaths or affirmations above prescribed, shall thereupon proceed, in said Senate and House of Representatives to which they have been elected respectively, to reorganize said Senate and House of Representatives, respectively, by the election and qualification of the proper officers of each house.

Section 5. And be it further enacted, That if any person shall, by force, violence, or fraud, wilfully hinder or interrupt any person or persons elected as aforesaid from taking either of the oaths or affirmations prescribed by this act, or from participating in the proceedings of said Senate or House of Representatives, after having taken one of said oaths or affirmations, and otherwise complied with this act, he shall be deemed guilty of a felony, and may be tried, convicted, and punished therefor by the Circuit or District Court of the United States for the District of Georgia, in which district said offense shall be committed; and shall be punished therefor by imprisonment at hard labor for not less than two nor more than ten years, in the discretion of the Court; and the jurisdiction of said Courts shall be sole and exclusive for the purpose aforesaid.

Section 6. And be it further enacted, That it is hereby declared that the exclusion of any person or persons elected as aforesaid, and being otherwise qualified, from participation in the proceedings of said Senate or House of Representatives upon the ground of race, color, or previous condition of servitude, would be illegal and revolutionary, and is hereby prohibited.

Section 7. And be it further enacted, That upon the application of the Governor of Georgia, the President of the United States shall employ such military or naval forces of the United States as may be necessary to enforce and execute the provisions of this act.

Section 8. And be it further enacted, That the Legislature shall ratify the fifteenth amendment proposed to the Constitution of the United States before Senators and Representatives from Georgia are admitted to seats in Congress.

The Argentine Republic.

Despatch to the Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The Argentine Republic has instructed its Minister here to enter into contracts for furnishing the prepared lumber for buildings to be constructed for the use of the public Industrial Exhibition which is to take place at the city of Cordova on the 18th of October, 1870.

Increase of Federal Salaries.

Mr. E. W. Stoughton yesterday delivered to Senator Carpenter the petition of the New York Bar for an increase of Federal salaries. Mr. Stoughton stated in the strongest manner that the petition met the universal approval of the profession; that the only objections made to signing it were that the salaries named were too small; and that he believed, if desirable, the signature of every member of the New York Bar could be procured. He also expressed a warm approval of the course pursued by Senator Carpenter, and hoped that his bill would be extended to all the Federal judiciary, and promptly passed.

FROM NEW YORK.

Burglaries in Albany.

Despatch to The Evening Telegraph.

ALBANY, Dec. 20.—Four burglaries were committed in this city on Saturday night and Sunday, and evidently by the same gang. The Boston clothing store lost $1000. Mr. Brand, commission merchant, Many & Wygant, livery stable keepers, and a party in the Senniff block, were victims to a small extent.

Fatal Accident.

Margaret Ream, a young married woman, fell from a balcony, a distance of twenty-nine feet, to the pavement, fracturing her skull, and expired yesterday morning.

New York Money and Stock Markets.

NEW YORK, Dec 20.—Stocks unsettled. Money, 7 per cent. Gold, 120¾. Five twenties, 1862, coupon, 113¾; do. 1864, do., 111¾; do. 1865, do., 111½; do. do., new, 114; do. 1867, 114½; do. 1868, 114½; 10-40s, 108⅝; Missouri sixes, 90½; Canton Company, 48; Cumberland preferred, 25½; Consolidated New York Central and Hudson River, 86½; Erie, 21¾; Reading, 99½; Adams' Express, 59½; Michigan Central, 125; Michigan Southern, 85½; Illinois Central, 132; Cleveland and Pittsburg, 183¾; Chicago and Rock Island, 104¾; Pittsburg and Fort Wayne, 185½; Western Union Telegraph, 33¾.

New York Produce Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Cotton quiet; sales of 200 bales at 25½c. Flour quiet and without decided change; sales of 4500 barrels. Wheat firmer but quiet; sales of 6200 bushels red Virginia at $1·33. Corn heavy; sales of 36,000 bushels mixed Western at $1·12½@1·15 yellow Southern, $1·06@1·08. Oats dull; sales of 21,000 bushels State at 64½@65c.; Western at 63@63½c. Beef quiet. Pork heavy; new mess, 31@32. Lard dull; steam, 18¼@18½c. Whisky dull at 98@99c.

FROM BALTIMORE.

A Severe Storm.

Special Despatch to The Evening Telegraph.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 20.—Yesterday's storm was very severe. Steamers and other vessels arrived report excessively rough weather in the Chesapeake. The steamer America, from Savannah, had a boisterous time; her masts were carried away. The steamer Falcon, from Charleston, also had a rough time off Hatteras.

Rumors of Failures.

There are various rumors of other heavy failures here, but they are not credited, and grow out of peculiar causes. Business is dull even for holiday purposes.

Baltimore Produce Market.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 20.—Cotton firm; middling uplands nominally 25@25½c. Flour firmer and in fair demand; Howard Street superfine, $4·75@5; do. extra, $5·25@6; do. family, $6·25@7; City Mills superfine, $5@5·75; do. extra, $5·50@6·50; do. family, $7@8·75; Western superfine, $4·75@5; do. extra, $5·25@6; do. family, $6·25@7. Wheat firm; prime, $1·35@1·40. Corn active; prime white, 85@88c.; yellow, 88@92c. Oats dull at 55@56c. Provisions quiet and but little doing; mess pork, $32@33; bacon, rib sides, 18½c.; clear do., 19½c.; shoulders, 15½c.; hams, 21@22c. Lard, 19c. Whisky quiet at 97@99c.

FROM NEW ENGLAND.

Maine Real Estate.

Despatch to The Evening Telegraph.

AUGUSTA, Me., Dec. 20.—The valuation of the eleven cities of Maine, as shown by the Assessors' return, is sixty million fifteen thousand seven hundred and eighty dollars, which is a gain over the valuation of 1860 of twenty-five millions of dollars, or nearly fifty per cent.

FROM NEW ENGLAND.

Obituary.

FALL RIVER, Mass., Dec. 20.—Rev. Dr. Thurston, for the last twenty-one years pastor of the Central Congregational Church in this city, died last night of pneumonia, aged sixty-one years.

FROM EUROPE.

This Morning's Quotations.

By the Anglo-American Cable.

LONDON, Dec. 20—11 A. M.—Consols for money, 92¾, and for account, 92¾. U.S. 5-20s of 1862, 85½; of 1865, old, 84¾; of 1867, 83⅞; 10-40s, 82½. American stocks steady. Erie Railroad, 17; Illinois Central, 99¾. Great Western, 26.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 20—11 A. M.—Cotton steady; middling uplands, 11¼d.; middling Orleans, 12d. The sales to-day are estimated at 12,000 bales.

Corn, 29s.

HAMBURG, Dec. 20.—Petroleum closed firmer on Saturday night at 15 marc bancos 2 schillings.

BREMEN, Dec. 20.—Petroleum closed firmer on Saturday at 6 thalers 66 groats.

This Afternoon's Quotations.

LONDON, Dec. 20—1 P. M.—Consols for money, 92¾; for account, 92⅞. United States five-twenties of 1862, 86; 1865, old, 85; 1867, 84; 10-40s, 83½. Stocks quiet. Erie, 17¼; Illinois Central, 100; Atlantic and Great Western, 25¾.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 20—1 P. M.—Cotton dull; winter wheat, 8s. 10d.@8s. 11d.; peas, 35s.; lard quiet; beef, 101s.

PARIS, Dec. 20.—The Bourse opened quiet. Rentes, 72f. 75c.

PARIS, Dec. 20—1·30 P. M.—The Bourse is now firmer. Rentes, 72f. 80c.

ANTWERP, Dec. 20.—Petroleum opened firm.

HAVRE, Dec. 20.—Cotton opens quiet at 137f. on the spot.

PARIS, Dec. 20.—The Bourse closed dull. Rentes, 72f. 67.

FRANKFORT, Dec. 20.—Five-twenties opened quiet at 91⅝.

ANTWERP, Dec. 20.—Petroleum closed steady at 60¾f.

—It is reported that Hiram A. Briggs, who is under bonds on the charge of attempting to poison his family, has settled up his business affairs in Pawtucket, R. I., and disappeared.

FINANCE AND COMMERCE.

OFFICE OF THE EVENING TELEGRAPH,
Monday, Dec. 20, 1869.

The week opens with an active business demand for currency, but very little for speculative investments. The discount market wears pretty close this morning, and as the banks are doing little or nothing in that line, the street shows a lively pressure for loans to bridge over the first week in January. Money is to be had outside the banks at from 10 per cent. per annum to 1 per cent. per month on short dates and good endorsements.

Those who are willing to pay those terms and put up good collaterals have no difficulty in obtaining money to a reasonable amount, but notwithstanding the apathy of trade, and the absence of all speculative feeling at the Stock Board, the demand is considerably in excess of the supply. Call loans are quite easy at 6 per cent., with comparatively little doing.

Gold opened strong, with sales at 121, and is still quoted at that figure, the market being exceedingly steady.

Government bonds are quiet but rather firm at about Saturday's closing quotations.

There was no disposition to speculate in stocks to-day, but the prices were firmer.

PHILADELPHIA STOCK EXCHANGE SALES.
Reported by De Haven & Bro., No. 40 S. Third street.

FIRST BOARD.

$500 Le gold l..... 91¾
$800 Sc N 68, '82... 87
$3000 Pa R 1 m.bs 100
300 sh Read R.bs.c. 49⅝
100 do.....b30. 50
56 sh Penna R..bs. 54
25 do.....c. 53⅝
75 do.....b5. 54
30 sh Leh N Sc...c. 39⅝
50 sh Gr & Coats St 38¾

JAY COOKE & CO. quote Government securities as follows:—U. S. 6s of 1881, 118⅛@119; 5-20s of 1862, 113⅛@113⅜; do., 1864, 111⅛@111¼; do., 1865, 111⅛@111⅜; do., July, 1865, 113⅞@114⅛; do. do., 1867, 114⅛@114⅜; do., 1868, 114⅛@114½; 10-40s, 108⅜@109⅛; Cur. 6s, 108⅛@108⅜. Gold, 121.

MESSRS. DE HAVEN & BROTHER, 40 No. S. Third street, Philadelphia, report the following quotations:—U. S 6s of 1881, 118⅛@118⅜; do. 1862, 113⅛@113⅜; do. 1864, 111⅛@111¾; do. 1865, 111⅛@111⅜; do. 1865, new, 113⅝@114⅛; do. 1867, do. 114⅛@114⅜; do. 1868, do., 114⅛@114⅜; 10-40s, 108⅞@109⅛; U. S. 30 Year 6 per cent. Currency, 108⅝@108⅞; Due Comp. Int. Notes, 19; Gold, 120¾@121⅛; Silver, 119@120.

—NARR & LADNER, Bankers, report this morning's Gold quotations as follows:—

SPIRIT OF THE PRESS.

Editorial Opinions of the Leading Journals Upon Current Topics—Compiled Every Day for the Evening Telegraph.

THE NEGRO AS A JUROR.

From the Pittsburg Commercial.

"Negro on the brain" was formerly considered as a dangerous and very troublesome malady among us. The person thus afflicted was supposed to be quite disqualified for exercising a sound judgment in regard to many subjects of great practical importance. Though the disease has disappeared, except a sporadic case here and there, the memory of its disagreeable symptoms is still fresh, and perhaps exerts an influence unfavorable to a dispassionate and impartial consideration of the class whose claims once gave rise to such morbid effects in their advocates.

But these colored people in great numbers form a part of our compatriots; their condition in the future is a matter that forces itself upon the attention of the present, and there is no wisdom in refusing to look at the subject because it may happen to be unpleasant or because we may think that too much has been made of it in the past. Though the civil relations of these people concern the South more than the North, and though there is good reason to believe that many of those among us will gradually seek a warmer climate, still, many of them will remain here, and a long time must elapse before our population will be left quite without an African element. Hence, on several grounds, we of the North watch and ought to watch with a keen spirit of inquiry the social processes of settlement and arrangement of the two races now going on in the late slave States. The subject is one of considerable theoretical as well as practical interest, and it is not improbable that in time to come the results of the vast experiment proceeding in those regions will be referred to as illustrating some of the most obscure problems in ethnology. In view of these considerations and others that might be mentioned, the following extract from the *Florida Banner* of the 13th of November will be read with general satisfaction. It is a portion of a charge delivered to the Grand Jury of Marion county by Judge Goss:—

"The doubt with our people was, whether the freedmen (as jurors) would find according to the acts—would ever convict one of their own race of crime, particularly of larceny or a crime against the whites. During the two former sittings of the court in the five counties of this circuit, there have been a multitude of offenders put upon trial before mixed juries, and in some instances of black men exclusively. A very large majority of such offenders have been black men on trial for offenses against white men, and upon the property of white men. In almost every instance, certainly in a majority of cases, where the evidence was clear and conclusive the jury has found the prisoner guilty. Of the twenty or thirty convictions obtained at the former sittings of this court very nearly all were black men convicted of offenses against white men, and convicted by black. A mixed jury in such cases is almost sure to arrive at a just conclusion."

We have assumed that this statement will be read with general satisfaction, because we suppose there are few who will regret to see their own sinister or despondent anticipations in such a matter falsified by facts. It is another instance added to the multitude known before, which show that, in regard to races of mankind as well as distinct classes of society, charitable judgments are usually the soundest, and that the spirit of sweeping condemnation is as foolish as it is wicked. In the days before the war, the negro in the North was an object of contempt to one sort of people and an object of compassion to another sort. Cities and neighborhoods could be mentioned in which a considerable number of persons concerned themselves about him, and had come to conclusions favorable upon the whole to the African character. These benevolent inquirers were generally Quakers, and their friendly theories were not allowed to remain mere theories. They became facts in the form of schools, reading-rooms, and other institutions, by the use of which prosperous, or at least comfortable African communities were enabled to show, on a small scale, their susceptibility of civilization. The Quaker testimony regarding their sable proteges was, that they were fairly intelligent and more than fairly thankful for kindnesses received. In the South, there was much diversity of opinion in regard to some straits of negro character, while his intellectual and moral inferiority to the white man was an almost universal article of faith. Yet ladies interested in slave property were often heard to affirm that negroes were very affectionate in disposition and capable of forming very strong attachments, not only to one another, but to their owners and their owners' families. The lords of these ladies we have heard confirm this witness, with the reservation or explanation that these attachments were always short-lived, vehement but transient. This notion, even when sincerely entertained, might be suspected to have originated in the obvious utility or desirableness of limitation in the case. Humane slaveholders would naturally feel less compunction in rending attachments which they believed to be destined to a speedy termination at any rate, or in dissolving a connection known to have been formed under the prompting of a transitory sentiment. With respect to another moral trait of the African there was a truly admirable concurrence of opinions among the Caucasian lords of the soil and their white retainers. The negro, they said, had no respect for property, the difference between mine and thine was a difference which could never be impressed upon his moral nature. Why, he would occasionally steal even himself! We may add that stealing has been the vice of slaves of all races and in all ages. In a Roman mouth the same word denoted a thief and a slave; each was a *fur*, or "man of three letters." But the Southern theory referred the vice to the original constitution of the African. And science, in the persons of Messrs. Nott and Gliddon, came forward to sustain the doctrine with the "Types of Mankind;" a book, by the way, which seemed to Alexander Humboldt to exhibit science in its lowest degradation. These notions of negro character prevailing, no wonder that little good was expected of him as a juror. But "time is the great innovator;" tried in war as a trained soldier, and in peace as a juryman, he has, in both characters, justified the predictions of his friends, and has shown that his enemies were as deficient in penetration as in humanity.

BALM OF A THOUSAND FLOWERS.

From the N. Y. Tribune.

There is a place in Louisiana absurdly called "Homer," and there is a newspaper printed there still more absurdly called "*The Iliad*." Such, at first blush, would be the judicious reader's opinion of this concatenation of classicalities; but he might possibly review his verdict and reverse it when he came to be intimately acquainted with the wit and wisdom, the reason and refinement, the superiority in generals and in particulars, exhibited by the conductors of this modern antique. The objection, however, which would arise upon even a cursory perusal of this fragrant sheet would be that it is too potent and too pungent for human nature's daily nose. It is, in fact, a chemical curiosity of a newspaper, as we shall presently demonstrate, and it is the only one which we have ever seen which, by the mysterious law of association, reminded us of a bone-boiling establishment in the fulness of its fragrance. We may as well, in the very outset, acknowledge that this publication professes to be "Republican" in its politics, from which the inference may be drawn, to our disadvantage, that it is as necessary for a Republican to be as dirty in Louisiana as "a Democrat" in New York. Only premising that the editor of this typographical bouquet is a member of Congress, we proceed to an analysis of his odoriferous manufactures.

For some reason—we do not care what, for it would be time wasted to conjecture it—there is not merely war to the knife, but war to the bullet, the bludgeon, and the spirting of venom, between the Homer *Iliad* and another newspaper called the Claiborne *Advocate*. Hostilities thus far, we believe, are confined to a brisk interchange of epithets and the small shot of vituperation—we would say billingsgate, only the poor fish-wives have already grown clean-mouthed, by comparison, in our estimation. "Allen C. Hill," says the *Iliad*, "the hefty goose of the *Advocate*, displays in his dirty sputterings continued uneasiness in regard to education." "He fears," adds his enemy, "that the colored people may learn to read and write." These are fears that, we confess, we should share with Mr. A. C. Hill, if the educated black could avail himself of no better reading than the newspaper before us, and could not write more decently than its editors. We do not want the freedmen of Louisiana to be taught chirography merely that ink may be wasted and clean white paper worse than spoiled—that they may, in print, call each other "buzzards," "bottle-bellied toads," "skunks," "wild bulls," "big hogs," and "brutish, hare-brained, puling dogs." These are all zoological titles which the ingenious Blackburn lavishes upon his foe. There is nothing particularly original about them—they are specimens of rather a hackneyed style of scolding. Heaven help the negroes if they are to take their primary lessons in "civilization" and refinement from such an educator and champion! That we may be thoroughly understood, we transfer one gem entire:—

"The Naaman of the *Advocate* speaks of fleas. Now, Naaman of old was a mighty man in Syria, 'but he was a leper.' So with the Naaman of the Claiborne *Advocate*. He is indeed a mighty man in the land of Claiborne—yes, a *mighty* man—but he is very filthy. And yet he speaks of fleas. And why need he fear fleas? One would not survive on his seething surface longer than would a gnat in the crater of Mount Vesuvius!"

—A whole broadside of stuff like this appears in a journal which professes to be devoted not only to "Politics and News," but to "Civilization and Literature." If Louisiana is to have no nobler aid in her struggle for regeneration and reconstruction, her case is a forlorn one indeed! This ill-bred and undeserving newspaper, as we learn from an announcement in the van of its columns, is "The Official Journal of the United States," as it is of "the State of Louisiana and the Parish of Claiborne." If the General Government is in any way responsible for this weekly compost of vulgarity and abuse, we pray the General Government, for its own sake, as well as for the sake of the Republican party, straightway to wash its hands of the responsibility. If we cannot maintain the peace and dignity of the Union in Louisiana without such an utter degradation of the Republican press as this Homer[*Iliad* imports, we should cease to talk at least of the dignity. This kind of newspaper was common enough at the South before the Rebellion; was the continued breeder of personal encounters, of fights in the streets and of fights in the bar-room, of wayside assasinations and all manner of bloody and desperate deeds. Ultimately they were the ill-omened birds brooding over the egg of treason until they hatched it into spasmodic, but most mischievous life. If now, when the war is over, our only hope of future peace is in the social regeneration of the South, why should a paper calling itself "Republican" and "the official journal of the United States" be thus permitted to bring disrepute upon the national character, and to hinder the work of reconstruction, while it undertakes to advance it? The editor professes to be a genuine Southern Unionist. Of men with this high claim to consideration we have never failed to speak in defense, whenever we have thought them unjustly or ungenerously treated; but a newspaper like this "Republican" journal of Louisiana does more to silence us than all the logic of the copperheads and all the lamentations of the unreconstructed.

THE PHILADELPHIA LEAGUE.

From the N. Y. World.

Philadelphia has a poet and a league. We have half a dozen poets, and a League too. But our league is an humble, modest league at the corner of a thoroughfare, and hardly distinguishable from other houses. The Philadelphia league, besides being, we believe, the mother league, just as Philadelphia at once had, *absit omen*, a mother bank, is *the* institution of the city. It is, in the sense of thee venerable Bede's saying, Philadelphia's colosseum, and the Quaker community would fall without it. It is the architectural gem; and, though a little squat in its appearance by the side of the neighboring houses, it is really quite a fine edifice. Of its interior, it is not for the like of us to judge. All that we know of its secrets we glean from the showy and eloquent reports which from time to time are given to the world. One has just appeared. Here it is that Philadelphia's solitory poet comes into action. He is the secretary—the Charles Thomson—of the league. He writes what the loyal thunders utter; and he writes very well; and in the annual report just out, printed in the Philadelphia papers, he has sketched with a master's and poet's hand the triumphs of radicalism and the league, and the blessed state of the country from Minnesota to Georgia. It does one good to read it. It almost makes us forget the public debt and the income tax. Its panegyric on General Grant (and no one has more cause to praise him than Mr. Boker) is the more earnest because there is a very clear intimation that the leaguers were a little distrustful of him, and never felt entirely happy till he appointed Sickles (an honored and frequent guest), and Borie, and Robeson (both members) in succession to office. That done, Mr. Boker said or sang *Nunc dimittis;* and, if we are not mistaken, the prayer has been pretty effectually granted.

But peace, as another poet has justly said, has its victories as well as war, and we learn that the Philadelphia league has recently gained one for which we are grateful.

We give the passage in the report as we find it, with its unctuous praise of Grant, who still has offices to bestow, and its spiteful fling at Johnson, who has none; the nearly fatal miscarriage of a letter from the Postmaster-General himself; and the concluding passage, in true poetic vein, of Old Hickory dancing and stamping among the fires of nullification—simply remarking that if any one had called General Jackson a "loyalist" to his face he would certainly have been knocked down:—

"In the early part of the summer a single point of public interest invited and received the attention of the board. The banishment of the heads of Washington and Jackson from the postage stamps most in use, and the remarkable substitution of the representations of a locomotive engine and a mounted post-boy in their places, had been publicly criticized in the league with great dissatisfaction and regret, and subsequently the subject was brought directly to the notice of the board. In such an unworthy change we were satisfied that the administration of President Grant had taken no part. The new stamps had been prepared by the contractors under President Johnson. A committee was appointed to communicate to the Postmaster-General what the board believed to be the general feeling in the league on the subject, and such a representation was accordingly made. The miscarriage of his letter appears to have deprived the board of the receipt of the Postmaster-General's acknowledgment of our communication. We learn, however, that the memorial of the committee was received, and its suggestion carefully considered. We have reason to suppose that our views coincided with those of the Postmaster-General, as we have the satisfaction to learn that new dies are now in preparation, and five profile and five full-face heads of Washington, Hamilton, Franklin, Jackson, and Lincoln are to be substituted for the ten denominations of stamps, and that the present stamps are to be withdrawn as soon as possible. It will be a source of satisfaction to us if the action of the board may have in any way contributed to a result which all loyal men will welcome, and that the effigies of the Father of his Country, and of the stout-hearted loyalist who, in his day, stamped out the fires of nullification, shall again be restored to their places of honor in the postal service of the Union."

Still we are grateful, and hope the league will continue to employ its elegant leisure in works of kindred beneficence; regretting very much—for "*surgit amari aliquid*"—to learn that its members are rapidly diminishing and its library very slowly increasing. The report winds up with a fervent and emphatic assertion of State rights in their broadest sense; which, being interpreted, means more protection for Pennsylvania's coal and iron.

LET THE LOAD BE LIGHTENED!

From the N. Y. Times.

We published on Saturday a portion of the testimony with which the press is teeming in favor of an immediate and large reduction of taxation. On no subject is public opinion more decided, and on none is the press of the country more emphatic or united.

These expressions of judgment and feeling are rendered more significant by the fact that they are called forth by the proposal of the President to maintain the present rate of taxation until the debt shall have been funded at a lower rate of interest, and by the apparent indisposition of the Secretary of the Treasury to grant relief until his policy be further advanced. They are virtually a protest against the views of the administration in this respect. They are a warning that the course proposed cannot be persisted in with impunity, and an indication of the demand urged by the people with a firmness which Congress cannot wisely resist.

Nor can it be pretended that the protest or the demand emanates from political opponents alone, or is designed in any manner to embarrass the action of the Government. We have purposely culled the testimony we adduce from journals decidedly friendly to General Grant and his administration, or from journals whose independent attitude removes them from factious fellowship with the opposition. When staunch and influential Republicans like the Boston *Advertiser*, the Albany *Journal*, the Erie *Dispatch*, the Chicago *Tribune*, and the Lawrence *Journal* insist that the position assumed in the message and the Treasury report must be abandoned, and that, in advance of all other reforms, the taxes must be reduced, we may safely conclude that the current of Republican feeling runs strongly in the direction which the *Times* has ventured again and again to indicate. If the business men who care little for mere partisanship were consulted, we are sure that ninety-nine hundredths of them would be found to cherish the same opinion. They may differ in reference to gold sales, or the currency, or the tariff, but they are agreed in the call for lightened burdens. "Take off taxes" is the all but universal cry among those engaged in productive industry, and in all trade, foreign or domestic. To this cry Congress ought not to be indifferent.

The demand derives additional strength from its reasonableness and justice. It does not involve weakness or inconvenience to the Government, damage to the public credit, or loss to any important interest. While the war lasted, the most onerous taxation was borne cheerfully; and if to-day there were an actual necessity for its continuance, it would be submitted to ungrudgingly. But there is neither financial wisdom nor equity in keeping up war taxation years after peace has been restored. On the contrary, there is folly as well as wrong in the attempt to perpetuate excessive burdens for the redemption of bonds long in advance of their maturity, or for the carrying out of any financial theory which the Secretary may have formed, predicated upon possible funding in the future, or any similar contingency. For funding is at best a remote contingency. It may be applied under pressure to the extent of the bonds deposited by the national banks; but otherwise, it will be impracticable until after the resumption of specie payments—and that, as most of us know, requires much patient waiting.

We object, then, to the continuance of the present taxation during the period which must elapse before resumption or funding can be effected. The country cannot sustain the load, and neither the public credit nor the exigencies of the public service require it. The administration prides itself on its measures of retrenchment, and Congress professes a desire to promote it. But the prime purpose of retrenchment is relief to the people; and the only practical shape which relief can take is the largest possible reduction of taxes. Will Congress or the administration assume the responsibility which denial of this relief will assuredly entail?

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SPECIAL NOTICES.

CHRISTMAS DINNER TO THE POOR.

The teachers of the Sabbath and Day Schools of the Bedford Street Mission intend giving a dinner, on CHRISTMAS DAY, to the scholars under their care, at the MISSION HOUSE, No. 619 BEDFORD Street, between 12 and 1 o'clock.

Interesting exercises in the chapel, before dinner, by the children. The citizens are cordially invited to be present.

Donations, either in money, poultry, provisions, or clothing, respectfully solicited, and can be sent to either of the undersigned— EDMUND S. YARD, No. 206 Spruce street. JACOB H. BURNSALL, No. 1121 Chesnut street. GEORGE MILLIKEN, No. 828 Arch street. JAMES L. BISPHAM, No. 710 S. Second street. WILLIAM H. HEISLER, Seventh National Bank, Fourth and Market streets. CHARLES SPENCER, No. 7 Bank street. Rev. JOHN D. LONG, No. 619 Bedford street. 12 18 6t

FARMERS' AND MECHANICS' NATIONAL BANK. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 10, 1869. The Annual Election for Directors of this Bank will be held at the Banking House on WEDNESDAY, the 12th day of January next, between the hours of 11 o'clock A. M. and 2 o'clock P. M. 12 10 J12 W. RUSHTON, Jr., Cashier.

THE COMMERCIAL NATIONAL BANK OF PENNSYLVANIA. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 11, 1869. The Annual Election for Directors of this Bank will be held at the Banking House on WEDNESDAY, the 12th day of January, 1870, between the hours of 11 A. M. and 2 P. M. S. C. PALMER, 12 13 mwth 9t Cashier.

SOUTHWARK NATIONAL BANK. PHILADELPHIA, December 11, 1869. The Annual Election for Directors will be held at the Banking House, on TUESDAY, January 11, 1870, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 12 o'clock M. P. LAMB, Cashier. 12 13 mwf13t

CAMBRIA IRON COMPANY.—THE Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the CAMBRIA IRON COMPANY will be held at their Office, No. 440 CHESNUT Street, Philadelphia, on TUESDAY, the 18th day of January next, at 4 o'clock P. M., when an election will be held for Seven Directors, to serve for the ensuing year. JOHN T. KILLE, Secretary. Philadelphia, Dec. 16, 1869. 12 18 25t*

STEREOPTICON AND MAGIC LANTERN EXHIBITIONS given to Sunday Schools, Schools, Colleges, and for private entertainments. W. MITCHELL McALLISTER, No. 728 CHESNUT Street, second story. 11 3 2mrp

OFFICE PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD COMPANY, TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT, PHILADELPHIA, Penna., Nov. 2, 1869. NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS. The Board of Directors have this day declared a semi-annual dividend of FIVE PER CENT. on the Capital Stock of the Company, clear of National and State taxes, payable in cash on and after November 3d, 1869. Blank Powers of Attorney for collecting dividends can be had at the office of the Company, No. 238 South THIRD Street. The office will be opened at 8 A. M., and closed at 3 P. M., from November 3d to December 4, for the payment of Dividends, and after that date from 9 A. M. to 3 P. M., as usual. 11 2 11 1 THOS. T. FIRTH, Treasurer.

OFFICE OF THE CITY TREASURER, PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 6, 1869.—Warrants registered to No. 57,000 will be paid on presentation at this office, interest ceasing from date. JOSEPH N. PIERSOL, 12 16 City Treasurer.

EAST MAHANOY RAILROAD COMPANY.—Office No. 227 S. FOURTH Street, PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 15, 1869. The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of this Company and an election for Officers to serve for the ensuing year will be held at the Office of the Company on MONDAY, January 10, 1870, at 2 o'clock P. M. ALBERT FOSTER, 12 14 23t Secretary.

THE MAHANOY AND BROAD MOUNTAIN RAILROAD COMPANY.—Office No. 227 S. FOURTH Street. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 15, 1869. The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of this Company and an election for Officers to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the Office of the Company on MONDAY, January 10, 1870, at 1 o'clock P. M. ALBERT FOSTER, 12 14 23t Secretary.

COLD WEATHER DOES NOT CHAP or roughen the skin after using WRIGHT'S ALCONATED GLYCERINE TABLET OF SOLIDIFIED GLYCERINE. Its daily use makes the skin delicately soft and beautiful. Sold by all druggists. R. & G. A. WRIGHT, 2 4§ No. 624 CHESNUT Street.

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DURABILITY, COMFORT, AND ECONOMY Are combined in our Scotch Cheviot Suits, Which we are making to measure for $22. Also, our Frieze and Cassimere Suits at $18. STYLE, FIT, TRIMMINGS, AND WORK EQUAL TO ANY HOUSE IN THE CITY. Having determined to make a Quick Sale of our large Stock of Goods, Ready-made and Uncut, we have reduced prices so low as to render COMPETITION HOPELESS. We guarantee satisfaction in every particular, or the sale annulled and money returned. EVANS & LEECH, 11 27 1mrp No. 628 MARKET Street.

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CURTAIN MATERIALS. LACE CURTAINS, $13·00 to $60·00 a pair. NOTTINGHAM LACE CURTAINS, $2 to $14 a pair WINDOW SHADES, all kinds. SILK BROCATELLES, SMYRNA CLOTHS, PLUSHES, REPS, TERRIES AND DAMASKS, all colors. TASSEL, GIMPS, FRINGES, ETC. [11 26 3t

RAILROAD SUPPLIES. W. H. CARRYL & SONS, No. 723 CHESNUT STREET, IN E. H. GODSHALK & CO.'S CARPET STORE, (TWO DOORS ABOVE OUR OLD STAND).

FINANCIAL.

COUPONS OF Union Pacific Railroad Co., Central Pacific Railroad Co., U. S. 5-20s and 1881s, DUE JANUARY 1, 1870, BOUGHT. GOLD BOUGHT. DE HAVEN & BRO., DEALERS IN GOVERNMENT SECURITIES, GOLD, ETC., No. 40 South THIRD Street, 6 11§ PHILADELPHIA.

FIRST MORTGAGE SEVEN PER CENT. GOLD BONDS OF THE Fredericksburg and Gordonsville Railroad Co., of Virginia. Principal and Interest Payable in Gold. These Bonds are secured by a First and Only Mortgage on the entire real estate, road, personal property, franchise, and rolling stock of the Company, given to the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company, of New York, Trustees. The road is 62 miles in length, connecting Fredericksburg with Charlottesville by way of Orange Court House, passing through a section of the Shenandoah Valley, the local traffic of which alone will support the road, while, as part of the great through lines to the Southwest and West, the safety and security of the Company's Bonds are placed beyond question and doubt. We offer a limited amount of these Bonds at 92½ and interest from November 1 in currency. Pamphlets, maps, and information furnished on application to TANNER & CO., No. 49 WALL STREET, NEW YORK. SAMUEL WORK, 12 4 tf No. 25 S. THIRD ST., PHILADELPHIA.

BANKING HOUSE OF JAY COOKE & CO., Nos. 112 and 114 S. THIRD St., PHILADELPHIA. Dealers in Government Securities Old 5-20s Wanted in Exchange for New. A Liberal Difference allowed. Compound Interest Notes Wanted. Interest Allowed on Deposits. COLLECTIONS MADE. STOCKS bought and sold on Commission. Special business accommodations reserved for ladies. We will receive applications for Policies of Life Insurance in the National Life Insurance Company of the United States. Full information given at our office. 10 1 3m

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DREXEL & CO., No. 34 SOUTH THIRD STREET, American and Foreign BANKERS, ISSUE DRAFTS AND CIRCULAR LETTERS OF CREDIT available on presentation in any part of Europe. Travellers can make all their financial arrangements through us, and we will collect their interest and dividends without charge. DREXEL, WINTHROP & CO., New York. | DREXEL, HARJES & CO., Paris. [3 1

REMOVAL. SMITH, RANDOLPH & CO., BANKERS, HAVE REMOVED TO No. 121 SOUTH THIRD STREET, CORNER CARTER'S ALLEY, 1 3 tf Opposite Girard Bank.

JOHN S. RUSHTON & CO., No. 50 SOUTH THIRD STREET. JANUARY COUPONS WANTED. CITY WARRANTS 10 5 3m BOUGHT AND SOLD.

P. S. PETERSON & CO., Stock and Exchange Brokers, NO. 39 SOUTH THIRD STREET, Members of the New York and Philadelphia and Gold Boards. STOCKS, BONDS, Etc., bought and sold on commission only at either city 1 26§

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ELLIOTT & DUNN, BANKERS, NO. 109 SOUTH THIRD STREET, PHILADELPHIA, DRAW BILLS OF EXCHANGE ON THE UNION BANK OF LONDON. DEALERS IN ALL GOVERNMENT SECURITIES, GOLD, BILLS, Etc. Receive MONEY ON DEPOSIT, allowing interest. Execute orders for Stocks in Philadelphia, New York, Boston, and Baltimore. 4 26§

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FURNITURE. RICHMOND & CO., FIRST-CLASS FURNITURE WAREROOMS, No. 45 SOUTH SECOND STREET, EAST SIDE, ABOVE CHESNUT. 11 6 tf PHILADELPHIA.

FURNITURE. T. & J. A. HENKELS, AT THEIR NEW STORE, 1002 ARCH STREET. Are now selling their ELEGANT FURNITURE at very reduced prices. 9 29 3mrp

HUTTON & McCONNELL, FURNITURE WAREROOMS, No. 809 MARKET STREET. PARLOR, DINING-ROOM, and CHAMBER FURNITURE, the Latest Styles and best Manufacture. Also, FEATHER BEDS and MATTRESSES. 10 6 mwf3m

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WINTER GOODS FOR GENTLEMEN Undershirts and Drawers. Cartwright & Warner's Merino. Cartwright & Warner's Scarlet Cashmeres. Cartwright & Warner's Shetland. All the best domestic makes. Silk Undershirts and Drawers. Scotch Lamb's Wool Shirts and Drawers. WINCHESTER & CO., 11 1 mths2mrp No. 706 CHESNUT Street.

PATENT SHOULDER-SEAM SHIRT MANUFACTORY, AND GENTLEMEN'S FURNISHING STORE. PERFECTLY FITTING SHIRTS AND DRAWERS made from measurement at very short notice. All other articles of GENTLEMEN'S DRESS GOODS in full variety. 11 2 WINCHESTER & CO., No. 706 CHESNUT Street.

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THOMSON'S LONDON KITCHENER or EUROPEAN RANGE, for families, hotels, public institutions, in TWENTY DIFFERENT SIZES. Also, Philadelphia Ranges, Hot-Air Furnaces, Portable Heaters, Low-down Grates, Fireboard Stoves, Bath Boilers, Stew-hole Plates, Boilers, Cooking Stoves, etc., wholesale and retail, by the manufacturers. SHARPE & THOMSON, 11 27 w 6m No. 329 N. SECOND Street.

NEWS SUMMARY.

City Affairs.

—Last evening a meeting of the Home Missionary Society Society of the City of Philadelphia was held in the Second Reformed Church, on the east side of Seventh street, above Brown. The following is a summary of the report: During the year the Visiting Committee paid 6240 visits at the homes of the poor. Among them were distributed 669 orders for coal and 1106 orders for groceries. There were also distributed 325 pairs of shoes, 655 garments of various kinds, 48 pounds of coffee, and 1200 pounds of corn meal The number of persons supplied with medicine was 324; with dinners, 24; with soup tickets, 180; and 136 little children were furnished with homes. Employment was found for 114 adults; 12 persons were sent to the Almshouse, and 2 to the Episcopal Hospital, while 23 were sent to the House of Industry. 41 persons were provided with transportation to different parts of the country. The number of pages of tracts distributed was 39,540; religious newspapers, 550; Bibles, 19; and religious books, 700; and by their influence 52 persons were induced to sign the temperance plege.

—Yesterday afternoon, about half past four o'clock, a woman named Susan Carr, living in Belair street, Manayunk, while endeavoring to rescue her child, who had escaped from her, and was wandering on the track of the Norristown Railroad, was knocked down by the engine and seriously injured about the head. She was carried to her home.

—Charles Meigs Hogan, Consul to the Sublime Porte, recently had transported to New York, for shipment to Constantinople, about $25,000 worth of machinery for the manufacture of rifles, purchased by Rusirum Bey, commissioned by the Sultan to procure implements of war in this country.

—A young woman named Josephine Moore fell down stairs at her residence, No. 814 Lombard street, on Saturday last, and fractured her leg. Michael Glading, residing at Haverford and Thirty-sixth streets, had his hand crushed on Saturday last at Washington avenue and Front street.

—A dwelling, not yet completed, on Hamilton street, above Thirty-sixth, fell down on Saturday morning, probably owing to the heavy rains undermining the foundation.

Domestic Affairs.

—Gold closed on Saturday at 120¾.

—The ram Triumph, late Atlanta, sailed from Lewes, Del., yesterday afternoon.

—Eighteen of the Spanish gunboats sailed from New York yesterday, in the wake of the war vessel Pizarro.

—Dr. Andrew Mead was murdered and robbed at Allegheny, N. Y., on Srturday night. No clue has been obtained as to the murderer.

—A colored man named John Stewart, employed in a saddlery store in Louisville, was murdered yesterday, it is believed by a fellow employe.

—The excitement concerning the gold discoveries in the Big Horn Mountains continues at Cheyenne, and many are preparing to go thither in the spring.

—The correspondence with the French Government and the report of Senator Ramsey on the postal treaty will soon be published.

—Colonel Gordon Lolland, Sr., an aged and highly esteemed citizen, and the Commissioner for Ohio of the Gettysburg Cemetery, died on Friday night.

—The election for members of the Tennessee Constitutional Convention took place on Saturday. The utmost indifference was manifested in Nashville, and all over the State there was very little interest taken in the result.

—Advices from Mexico are of continued ovations to Mr. Seward, and general turbulence in the interior. At Puebla a Protestant congregation was attacked, and an attempt made to burn them alive. Several will die of their injuries.

Foreign Affairs.

—All Spanish refugees concerned in the late Republican revolution are ordered to quit France.

—Senor Salavierra, a Minister of Finance under Isabella, has been fatally stabbed by a former subordinate, whom he had detected in frauds.

—There is much agitation in French mercantile circles over the embarrassment likely to ensue on the expiration, on January 1, of the postal treaty with this country.

—General Prim declares that the Government and the Cortes are in favor of a monarch, and that the Duke of Genoa will probably receive the crown. At any rate no republic will be established.

—Great interest, says the *Times*, is felt in English commercial circles in the possibility of a ship canal through some of the Central American States, to connect the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans.

—Cardinal Pentini's death, announced by cable, makes the sixteenth vacancy in the College of Cardinals. No nominations will be made by the Holy Father during the session of the Œcumenical Council.

—There is already a division in the Œcumenical Council. The French bishops protest against the interference of the Pope in the Council's deliberations, and the Spanish bishops sustain him. The sessions will not be held in St. Peter's, on account of the acoustic imperfections of the hall.

Masonic Banquet.

Owing to the crowded state of our columns on Saturday, we were prevented publishing a very full and interesting account of the banquet given at the Continental Hotel on Friday evening by Potter Lodge, No. 441, A. Y. M., at which over two hundred gentlemen participated. We cannot refrain, however, from presenting the following brief extracts from a most able and eloquent speech delivered on the occasion, in response to a toast, by Colonel A. Loudon Snowden, Master-elect of Philo Lodge, No. 444. It is a source of regret that the report from which these extracts are taken does so little justice to a speech that was replete with beauty and power, and that was received with the most unbounded satisfaction by all who had the pleasure of hearing it.

After thanking the Master of Potter Lodge for the honor conferred by selecting him to represent the guests present, among whom were some of the most prominent gentlemen identified with the press and learned professions, Mr. Snowden proceeded by referring to some remarks that had fallen from the lips of the Grand Master of the State, who had preceded him, as to the influences that are at work, and the various agencies employed, principally sectarian, to impede or destroy the Order. The speaker observed: I for one have no fears for the future of the brotherhood we in part represent. If its past history has not been free from contests, neither is it barren of the ripe and precious fruits of victory.

Its teachings, power, and influence have not alone blessed those enfolded in its mystic embrace, but have exercised a most powerful influence upon society and governments in all lands and ages—not by direct interference in the political movements of the times—but by its pure and exalted teachings operating upon the hearts and shaping the lives of its members, and through them creating or sustaining that public opinion which, after all, is the power behind the throne in nearly all civilized States.

No thoughtful student of history but must have been struck with wonder and amazement at the maintenance of this sacred bond of brotherhood through all the ages since its establishment. As he reviews the records of the past, marks the corroding influence of time, sees mighty empires overturned, and institutions (the slow growth of centuries) uprooted in a single day, and yet, through all the storm and upheaval, beholds this ancient and honorable Order standing with more than its original beauty and power, with its ancient landmarks preserved, growing with the growth of the centuries, advancing with the spirit of civilization, always in the front rank in the exercise of purest charity, and adorned with the noblest virtues that characterize this enlightened age, he would be, I say, more or less than man were he not moved with wonder and admiration. (Applause.)

Why has Masonry been able thus to resist the tooth of time and those mighty influences that have operated in one generation after another for its overthrow? Why has it been permitted to stand when institutions without number have passed away and been forgotten? When religious creeds have become effete and worthless in the world's advancement? Through that terrible night of the fifth century, when the Omnipotent seemed to have handed the world over to barbarism; when art was trodden in the dust; when the walks of literature were forsaken; when civilization itself went down before the irresistable oncoming of Goth and Vandal, Free Masonry survived the shock, standing like some mighty granite cliff that hurls back the angry ocean that rushes against its base. (Applause.)

Its victories are not confined, however, to far distant ages, and its contests have not been entirely and at all times with ignorance and barbarism. In our own free country, and in an enlightened era, Masonry has had to stand the combined assaults of sectarian bigotry, reinforced by blind, selfish, partisan hate. Out of this wicked warfare it not only plucked victory and an enduring triumph, but finds the bitterest enemies of that time among the warmest friends of this. The cause of this long and almost miraculous preservation, and this uniform victory over all opposing forces, can best be understood by quoting that beautiful parable recorded in Holy Scriptures—of the "wise man which built his house upon a rock, and the rain descended and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat upon that house, *and it fell not*, for it was founded upon a rock." So this grand old institution, transmitted through the ages, founded upon the truths of Divine revelation, had and will continue to rest securely upon that eternal rock; and shall not fall until truth and justice decay, and God shall give the world over to falsehood, error, and eternal night. (Great applause.)

During the evening a beautiful and appropriate song was sung by Brother Martin V. Davis, who composed the words and music for the occasion. Brother Emerson Bennett recited "The American Flag." The whole affair was most creditable.

TERRIBLE DISASTER.

A Disused Mine Caves in, Engulfing a Block of Houses—Ten Persons Buried.

MAUCH CHUNK, December 18.—At Stockton, three miles from Hazleton, about five o'clock this morning, the ground over a mine which had not been used for fifteen years gave way, and one block of houses fell in so quickly, that the two families that were living in them had not time to get away, except one girl, who had got out of the house, but not far enough to escape falling in, and was rescued from the top of the house. The families living in the adjoining block had just time enough to get out before the whole block fell in. Ten persons went down with the houses. George Swank, his wife and four children, and Mr. Retch, his wife, child and mother, are the unfortunates, and are still in the mine, and must certainly be dead.

The Hazleton Steam Fire Engine has been throwing a continual stream in the hole since daylight. The firemen are doing all they can, and have taken charge of the affair and extended ropes around the hole, and allow no persons inside.

Trains are running every hour to the scene of disaster. It will be some time before the bodies are recovered, as the ground is cracked around for some distance and still falling in, and it is dangerous to work near.

The excitement in the vicinity is increasing, and families in neighboring houses are moving out for fear they will go next. There is also danger of the ruins taking fire.

POTTSVILLE, Dec. 17.—A despatch to the *Daily Journal*, giving an account of the disaster at Stockton, by which two blocks of houses, containing ten persons, were engulfed, says:—

Immediately afterwards it was discovered that the mine was on fire, and it was believed that they would all burn up. Isaac Rogh and his wife and child and mother were in one block, and Mr. Swenk, wife, and four children in the other. The fire company of the place was soon on the spot and assisted in putting out the fire. The girl was seen in the debris and was taken ont with great difficulty.

The cause of the accident was working the breast in the colliery too near the surface under the houses, there being only about twenty feet space left when they caved in. Only a few days before a couple of persons on a truck were pitched into a similar hole, where a portion of the foundation of the railroad had given way over some workings that approached too near the surface.

MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC.

The City Amusements.

AT THE CHESNUT five nights more of *Patrice* are announced. This piece is produced in very handsome style, and it has proved a decided success. On Christmas day a dramatization of one of Charles Dickens' Christmas stories will be performed.

A new play, written by Matilda Heron and Laura Keene, and entitled *Champagne; or, Step by Step* is in active preparation.

AT THE WALNUT the last three nights of *Mary Warner* are announced, and on Thursday evening Miss Bateman will appear in her celebrated *role* of "Leah."

A new spectacular military drama entitled *Not Guilty* will shortly be produced.

AT THE ARCH Craven's comedy of the *Needful* will be performed this evening.

AT DUPREZ & BENEDICT'S OPERA HOUSE Frank Brower has been engaged for another week, and this evening he will appear in his great *role* of "Happy Uncle Tom."

AT THE ELEVENTH STREET OPERA HOUSE a new pantomime on the subject of the *Old Woman that Lived in the Shoe* will be produced this evening in handsome style, with a variety of other attractions.

SIGNOR BLITZ and his son will puzzle the public with new mysteries this evening at the Assembly Buildings.

THE MENDELSSOHN SOCIETY'S first subscription concert of the season will be given to-morrow evening at Natatorium Hall. The following programme will be presented:—

PART I.

1. "Spring's Message".....W. Gade
2. Trio—"The Chime of Silver Sabbath Bells"...Abt
   Messrs. Wm. Bradshaw, G. W. North, Ph. C. Carlin.
3. Angel's Serenade (with Violin obligato)...G. Braya
   Miss Fannie Keim and Mr. Jean Louis.
4. Over the Grave (Chorus).....Mendelssohn
5. Duet from *Martha*.....Flotow
   Dr. John S. Newton and Ph. C. Carlin.
6. Inflammatus from the Stabat Mater.....Rossini
   Mrs. Blackburne—Harding and Chorus.

PART II.

7. Duet—"The Fishermen".....Gabussi
   Messrs. William Bradshaw and Jean Louis.
8. "Waiting".....Millard
   Miss Ida Gumpert.
9. "Sweet and Low".....F. Barnby
   Chorus.
10. "A Thousand Leagues Away".....F. Barnby
    Mr. George F. Bishop.
11. "L'Ardita".....Arditi
    Mrs. Blackburne—Harding.
12. "Date Sonitum" (Baritone Solo and Chorus), Costa
    Mr. Ph. C. Carlin.

MARINE TELEGRAPH.

For additional Marine News see First Page.

ALMANAC FOR PHILADELPHIA—THIS DAY.

SUN RISES	7 20	MOON RISES	6 31
SUN SETS	4 35	HIGH WATER	9 22

PHILADELPHIA BOARD OF TRADE.

JAMES DOUGHERTY, SAMUEL E. STOKES, JOSEPH C. GRUBB, } COMMITTEE OF THE MONTH.

COMMITTEE ON ARBITRATIONS.

J. O. James, George L. Buzby, E. A. Souder, William W. Paul, Thos. L. Gillespie.

MOVEMENTS OF OCEAN STEAMSHIPS.

FOR AMERICA.

Nemesis	Liverpool	New York	Nov. 27
Erin	Liverpool	New York	Dec. 1
Cella	London	New York	Dec. 4
Tripoli	Liverpool	New York via Bos.	Dec. 7
Nebraska	Liverpool	New York	Dec. 8
Helvetia	Liverpool	New York	Dec. 8
C. of London	Liverpool	New York	Dec. 9
Austrian	Liverpool	Portland	Dec. 9
Iowa	Glasgow	New York	Dec. 10
Russia	Liverpool	New York	Dec. 11

FOR EUROPE.

Olmbria	New York	Hamburg	Dec. 21
Siberia	New York	Liverpool	Dec. 22
Colorado	New York	Liverpool	Dec. 22
Palmyra	New York	Liverpool	Dec. 23
Boutschland	New York	Bremen	Dec. 23
C. of London	New York	Liverpool	Dec. 25
Cambria	New York	Glasgow	Dec. 25
Etna	New York	Liverpool	Dec. 28
C. of Washington	New York	Liverpool	Jan. 1
Cella	New York	London	Jan. 1

COASTWISE, DOMESTIC, ETC.

Alaska	New York	Aspinwall	Dec. 21
Prometheus	Philada	Charleston	Dec. 23
Columbia	New York	Havana	Dec. 23
North America	New York	Rio Janeiro	Dec. 23
Cleopatra	New York	Vera Cruz	Dec. 24
Pioneer	Philada	Wilmington	Dec. 24
Wyoming	Philada	Savannah	Dec. 25

Mails are forwarded by every steamer in the regular lines. The steamers for or from Liverpool call at Queenstown, except the Canadian line, which call at Londonderry. The steamers for or from the Continent call at Southampton.

CLEARED SATURDAY.

Steamship Roman, Baker, Boston. H. Winsor & Co.
Steamship Hunter, Harding, Providence, D. S. Stetson & Co.
Steamer J. S. Shriver, Iler, Baltimore, A. Groves, Jr.
Br. barque Scotland, Roche, Antwerp, C. C. Van Horn.
Schr Archer & Reeves, Ireland, Cardenas, S. Lathbury & Co.
Schr Tennessee, Creed, Savannah, Lennox & Burgess.

ARRIVED YESTERDAY.

Norw. barque Forsoget, Smith, 106 days from London, with mdse. to L. Westergaard & Co. Had bad weather most of the passage, and from Dec. 3 to 17 had very heavy W. and NW. gales; was three times blown off the coast.

Brig S. & W. Welsh, Watson, from Palermo Nov. 9 (37 days to the Capes, the shortest passage on record), with fruit, etc., to Isaac Jeanes & Co. vessel to D. S. Stetson & Co.

Schr Emma L. Porter, Sparks, 23 days from East Harbor, T. I., via Nassau (where she put in for repairs, as before reported), with salt and fruit to Alex. Kerr & Bro.—vessel to Knight & Sons. Dec. 5, lat. 29, long. 79 20, spoke schr Addie Walden, from Mobile for Boston.

Br. schr Maggie Louisa, Miller, 28 days from St. Jago de Cuba, with sugar, etc., to Isaac Hough & Morris.

Schr John B. Connor, Blossom, 1 day from Little Creek Landing, Del., with grain to Jas. L. Bewley & Co.

Schr J. M. Clayton, Thomas, 1 day from Frederica, Del., with grain to Jas. L. Bewley & Co.

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Steamer Diamond State, Wood, 13 hours from Baltimore, with mdse. to A. Groves, Jr.

Schr Wm. Townsend, McNitt, 2 days from Frederica, Del., with grain to Christian & Co.

DISASTER.

Ship Wm. Wilcox, Johnson, from Alicante, with old railroad iron for Philadelphia, came in past Cape Henlopen about noon on Saturday, and soon after went on the shears two miles above the Breakwater, where she lies in a bad position. A revenue cutter and wreckers from Lewes have gone to her assistance.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]

LEWES, Del., Dec. 19.—Passed out this afternoon, ship Tyro, and a barque and two steamers, names unknown.

The iron-clad ram Triumph (late Atlanta), came to the harbor at 3 P. M.

Wreckers are transferring the cargo of the ship Wilcox to lighters, and have contracted to get her off and deliver her in Philadelphia. Wind W. Thermometer, 40.

MEMORANDA.

Ship Westmoreland, Letourneau, from New Orleans for Bremen, went to sea 12th inst.

Steamship Pioneer, Barrett, for Philadelphia, cleared at Wilmington, N. C., 18th inst.

Steamship Aries, Wiley, hence, at Boston 18th inst.

Steamship Regulator, Pennington, hence, at New York 18th inst., and cleared for Wilmington, N. C.

Steamship James S. Green, Pace, for Philadelphia, sailed from Richmond 17th inst.

Steamer Centipede, Fenton, from Portsmouth for Philadelphia, passed Holmes' Hole 8 A. M. 16th inst.

Steamer B. Meinder, Passwater, hence, at Richmond 17th inst., with barges Daylight and J. H. Stickney in tow.

Barque Johann Benjamin, Gerdier, for Philadelphia, sailed from Liverpool 3d inst.

Barque Mexican, Arthur, for Philadelphia, cleared at Liverpool 4th inst.

Schr Marietta Steelman, Steelman, sailed from Providence 17th inst. for Charleston.

Schr J. W. Weaver, hence, at New London 16th inst.

Schr J. S. Weldon, Crowell, hence for New Bedford, returned to Newport P. M. 16th inst., and sailed again P. M. 17th.

Schr Thomas Borden, Writhington, hence, at Fall River 16th inst.

Schr St. Mary, of Philadelphia, bound east, was off head of Long Island Sound P. M. 15th inst.

Schr Wm. Pigeon, Phillips, hence, at Boston 16th inst.

Schr J. W. Godfrey, Garwood, for Philadelphia, cleared at Boston 16th inst.

Schr M. E. Femerick, Davis, hence, at Holmes' Hole P. M. 15th inst., and sailed 17th for Boston.

Schrs J. M. Richards, Irving, and Eliza Pike, Larkin, for Philadelphia, were loading at Charleston 16th inst.

Schr Sarah Bruen, Fisher, for Philadelphia, was loading at Wilmington, N. C., 16th inst.

Schr S. & E. Harrington, Moore, hence, at Richmond 17th inst.

Schr Frances, Gibbs, hence, at Boston 17th inst.

Schr Adelia, Foote, hence for St. John, N. B., at Salem 16th inst.

Schr James S. Watson, Houck, hence, at Lynn 15th inst.

Schr D. S. Mershon, Ayres, hence, at Lynn 12th inst.

Schr Ada P. Stimpson, Stimpson, hence, at Nahant 15th instant.

Schr Helen M. Condon, Condon, hence, at Belfast, Me., 12th inst., via Rockland.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

The French Government has given notice that from the 15th day of October, 1869, and until the completion of the outer mole at Nice, two beacon lights will be exhibited from the beach of the Lazaret; the upper light green, the lower light red. These lights are intended to guide vessels entering the port by night, clear of the works erected for the enlargement of the outer mole. A white beacon buoy has been moored east of the above mentioned works.

Also, that the light exhibited from a Lighthouse on Cape Ferrajone (the point north of the town of Capris), Capris Island, is now a fixed white light, elevated 115 feet above the sea, and in clear weather should be seen from a distance of 12 miles. The illuminating apparatus is dioptric, or by lenses.

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CORPORATIONS AND PUBLIC POLICY.

There is a legal entity, a shadowy, intangible something which lawyers call a "body politic," and which the same sages (with a conception of their offspring which experience shows to be well founded) declare to be without moral sensibilities, or, as Lord Coke quaintly illustrates the point, "A corporation cannot be excommunicated, for it hath no soul. Neither can it be summoned in the ecclesiastical courts, for they only act *pro salute animæ*." A corporation, according to this authority, has no moral being, but we must admit that it has all the other attributes of humanity. Its life-blood and principle of being is its charter—the breath of the legislative creator that warms the scattered elements of wealth and power and puts them into shape. Its capital is its body, the directors its mind, and numberless and obedient agents constitute the muscles and members that carry out its designs. It has all the elements of human strength without its weaknesses. As an aggregator of wealth it is unequalled, and herein consists the danger to public interests which tends to make corporations powerful instruments of oppression and corruption, if the possible results of their lack of conscience are not jealously guarded against by the policy of the law.

When corporations are kept within just limits, their immense capabilities for the concentration of wealth and its intelligent employment and direction make them great public servants. They build railroads, develop the mining and manufacturing interests, extend commerce, people waste places, and make the desert bloom. Look at the Pacific Railroads and the Suez Canal. The one extends our civilization and builds up cities and States in the far West; the other will revolutionize commerce in the East. Not only are the great lines of human action directed by corporate energies, but the will and power of these soulless beings to a great extent influence the minutest transactions of every-day life. But when these companies escape from legal control, and are able even for a time to display with impunity their capabilities for evil as well as for good, they cease to be public servants, and are masters and oppressors. Look at New York and her railroad wars. Take our own State and the combinations to increase the price of coal. Years ago we had a bank attempting to influence national politics, dividing the nation into rival parties, and remaining for years a potent agent of corruption. The danger to the public from the ill use of the enormous accumulations of capital which result from the prudent management of corporations—particularly of the banking order—was never greater than now. Formerly the danger was less, because both the Legislature and the judiciary jealously watched corporations and denied them every authority and power not expressly granted in their charters. But how is it now? The Legislature, instead of protecting the public, joins hands with the corporations for mutual plunder, and makes haste to grant every concession which greedy monopolists desire; and even the courts, the last refuge of the people, are being gradually captured by these corporate robbers. There is no legal heresy more fraught with evil than the attempt of courts to view corporate privileges in any other light than as dangerous concessions to be restricted to the express words of the legislative grant. The public, and not the corporations, should have the benefit of all doubts in questions of conflicting authority. The law-making power directs public policy, the courts have nothing to do with it; and when they come to decide corporation questions on any other basis than that of a strict adherence to the very letter of the law, the people will have lost the only remaining barrier against the encroachments of corporations. There is no danger of either the corporations or the public suffering by a too jealous construction of their privileges. If the authority claimed is pernicious, the sooner it is done away with the better. If it is for the public good, and yet is against the strict letter of the legislative grant, let not the courts attempt to mould public policy. Let them decide against the illegal claim, and the Legislature will only be too willing to make such fresh concessions as may be desired. That the dangerous bias of the judiciary in favor of corporations is a recognized fact, and that it is looked upon by the public as an enormous evil, has recently been demonstrated in New York, where the new constitution was overwhelmingly defeated, with the single exception of the "judiciary clause," which was adopted in spite of the corrupt intrigues of both political parties.

Not Worthy of Mention.—It is expected that the Postmaster-General will transmit to the House of Representatives to-day all the facts and correspondence involved in the special mission of Senator Ramsey to Paris during the past summer. Mr. Ramsey passed some two months at the French capital in a vain endeavor to accomplish what ex-Congressman Kasson had failed to accomplish before him—the successful negotiation of a fair and reasonable postal treaty between the United States and France. For his fruitless labor in this cause Mr. Ramsey, we are told, received no compensation, but about six hundred in gold were allowed him for expenses. Six hundred dollars is a trifle, of course, and it is beneath the dignity of Congress to render such trifling outlays in the future unnecessary. Yet we fail to see what good there is in maintaining an expensive legation at Paris if it is necessary to employ a special agent to patch up our postal treaties whenever they need patching up. Postal treaties, we are told, are always negotiated by special agents, but that does not mend the matter. If it is beneath the dignity of an Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to negotiate a postal treaty, it might be well to do away with such high functionaries and employ special agents for everything. They would not often be required, as far as we can discover. This six hundred dollar affair is one of the small sins to which Congress closes its eyes; but, unless a beginning is made at the little end, there is no prospect of a wholesale repentance of the more imposing transgressions of our law-makers.

A Question of Susceptibilities.—The London *Times*, in discussing the subject of a reopening of negotiations on the Alabama claims issue, naively remarks that "Englishmen have susceptibilities as well as Americans." It would not be amiss if our cousins would remember that Americans have susceptibilities as well as Englishmen. If the whole thing is to hinge on susceptibilities, let their recognition be reciprocal.

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ADOLPH.—On the morning of the 17th instant, ALFRED W. ADOLPH, in the 44th year of his age.

The relatives and friends of the family, and Covenant Lodge, No. 114, I. O. of O. F., are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from his late residence, No. 906 Franklin street, on Tuesday afternoon at 1 o'clock, without further notice. To proceed to Monument Cemetery.

BILLINGS.—On the 19th instant, after a short illness, CHARLES H. BILLINGS, only child of Charles H. and Emma L. Billings, aged 5 months and 23 days.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, on Wednesday afternoon, the 22d instant, at 1 o'clock, from his parents' residence, No. 61 Sharpnack street, Germantown. To proceed to Odd Fellows' Cemetery.

COOPER.—On Sunday evening, the 19th instant, after a short illness, Mrs. ELIZA H. COOPER, relict of the late Thomas Cooper, of this city.

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COPLEY.—On the 17th instant, MARGARET, wife of P. F. Copley.

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COX.—On Saturday, CHARLES C., son of Justice and Amelia Altemus Cox, aged 5 months and 11 days.

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New Postage Stamps.

It is not generally known that nearly all the postage stamps made for the country are manufactured in New York, in the upper stories of Cooper Union, by the National Bank Note Company. More than four hundred millions were last year sent thence, and very few were stolen in process of manufacture. In answer to the complaint of the public in general with regard to the quality of the sticking-gum used in the last issue of stamps, the company begs leave to explain that the trouble arises from the super-salivary use made of them by that public. The gum is just as adhesive as that formerly in use, but is of so light a color that people suspect none is on, and moisten it too much. That's what's the matter. The designs of some new postage-stamps having been decided upon, the company will very shortly prepare the plates from which they are to be printed. The smaller denominations will probably be ready by the first of February. Changes have been made in some of the busts of public characters. Hamilton, for instance, is presented without his pigtail, which has been for so many years his honored appendage on postage stamps; and Jackson is left out in the cold, so to speak, for he is denuded of that historical coat which has swathed his figure for a time beyond the memory of the oldest post-office Vet. Those who have seen the new designs pronounce them superior to the present postal frauds, both the color and execution of which are so offensive.

Indiana Indulgence.

From evidence which was elicited on Saturday before Judge Ingraham, of the Supreme Court, it seems that Mrs. Eliza Gowan, the plaintiff, has been indulging in that Indiana pastime known as divorce, during the absence of her husband in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. Mr. John Gowan, the defendant, is engaged there in the management of an extensive iron business. During his residence at Pittsburg, his wife, since July last, has been living at her father's house in this city. Last evening Mr. Gowan received a telegram from a friend (also a resident of New York), to the effect that the knowledge had just come to him that Mrs. Gowan had furtively obtained a divorce that allowed her one hundred dollars a month alimony, and granted security on Mr. Gowan's real estate here, to the amount of nearly six hundred dollars. Mr. Gowan asseverates that he never received any other intimation of the divorce, either by publication or otherwise; that his wife's father, Mr. J. C. Dally, is the real instigator and procurer of the divorce; that the evidence taken before the referee was perjury; and that the allegations of adultery against him so evidenced are demonstrated to be untruthful by the fact that he can prove himself to have been elsewhere at hour specified as the one in which suppositious adultery was consummated. In the face of these facts Judge Ingraham has granted an order calling on the plaintiff and all the parties to show cause why the proceedings and the decree of divorce should not be annulled.

The Fat Men's Ball.

This long-promised affair is to come off this evening. It was at first intended to make it a fancy-dress ball, but the limited number of fictitious or historical characters who could with any propriety be ponderously represented prevented the realization of that idea. After Henry the Eighth, Daniel Lambert, Falstaff, and the Cardiff Giant had been represented, there certainly seemed room for very little further choice. I propose to go there this evening, and to prepare you an account written on the spot, with the terpsichorean flesh-pots gyrating round me in a state of perspiring pinguidity, and hope my impressions may gratify the Pantagruelian appetite of your many readers. ALI BABA.

CANADIAN BELLES-LETTRES.

The Epistolary Yearnings of A Love-sick Swain.

The assizes of Kingston, Canada, have legally developed a breach of promise case, in which the complainant is a handsome little brunette named Alice E. Haines, and the defendant a sturdy farmer's son named David Boyce. The family of the young lady formerly lived near that of the loving yeoman, at a place called Ernestown, and there the two doves grew up together as schoolmates and playmates until David was 19 and Alice 17, when a formal engagement was entered into between them, and the neighbors generally understood that a marriage would soon be celebrated. It unfortunately happened about this time that pecuniary embarrassment obliged the paternal Haines to retreat across the borner into the United States, and, as he took the lass with him, the lovers were doomed to separation. The suitor, however, accompanied his mistress as far as Kingston, and subsequently corresponded with her in the strain usually adopted by two souls with but a single thought. Alas! that the course of true love love must be rough even for these unsophisticated beings! After a time, David's love and letters grew cold, the faithless swain refused to marry, and Alice and her people went back to Canada for legal revenge. Hence the suit at Kingston, which we notice chiefly on account of the amazing literary character of David's letters, therein used as testimony. Like the famous Sprague, of Chicago, whose prosecution by Miss Craig called attention to his highly original orthography, this Canadian Romeo seems to be the unresisting victim of a most evil "spell," and invests the Queen's English with a novelty not often surpassed by our illiterate humorists. Opening his first letter to Alice, the infatuated youth says:—"I now take up my pen in hand to rite you a few lines, lettin you kno that I am wel and hopping that this will find you the same;" and, by way of conclusion, lets fly this choice selection from the poet:—

"wher ere you rove, wher ere you be,
I hop you will remember me.
Though distance may dyvyde our lot,
I again repeat forget me not."

In his second fond effusion by mail, he modestly exclaims:—"I hope you will look over bad rightings and misspeltings, as one of my fingerz is cut, and not notticc the bad composure." After sending a message to "aunt Sarahan," he dwells on the pangs of separation, and adds:—"I never drempt of yous but once since yous went away, and I thought yous and marthanne and george was over here, and was to lons when I see you a coming, it made my hart rejoice when I see you a comin, though youde changed so i hardly gnu you." In short, the bad spelling and good feeling of David's epistle, were unmistakable until the commencement of the next year, at which time he was decidedly notified by Miss Haines' father that he must at once husband the girl or stand the consequences of a refusal. Then the swain's anger rose, and he penned a dreadful concluding despatch:—"I hev not been born in the woods," wrote he, "to be scart by a owl; and as for me to get married now, I won't do it for no person; I will severe my own hed off my shoulders before i will get married yet." This strong language admitted but one construction, and Alice made her reply in a suit for damages. The Court gave her a thousand dollars.

CITY ITEMS.

THE GREAT PICTORIAL ANNUAL.—Hostetter's United States Almanac for 1870, for distribution, *gratis*, throughout the United States and all civilized countries of the Western Hemisphere, is now ready for distribution, and all who wish to understand the true philosophy of health should read and ponder the valuable suggestions it contains. In addition to an admirable medical treatise on the causes, prevention, and cure of a great variety of diseases, it embraces a large amount of information interesting to the merchant, the mechanic, the miner, the farmer, the planter, and professional man; and the calculations have been made for such meridians and latitudes as are most suitable for a correct and comprehensive NATIONAL CALENDAR.

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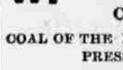

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HIGH LIFE.

A Rich, Rare, and Racy Scandal—The Princess Esterhazy Assailed by Her Daughter—Potatoes and Tears as a Steady Diet.

The following is a copy of a most extraordinary letter which has been addressed to the Vienna public by the Countess Bathyany Apraxin, and in which she assails violently the conduct of her mother, the Princess Esterhazy:—

"The newspapers," writes the Countess, "have for some time past been occupying themselves with an affair which concerns me nearly. All those who have read the articles in question must incontestably put to themselves the following question:—'What crime can a daughter have committed that a mother should punish her in a manner as revolting as it is contrary to law and to nature?'

I find myself forced to reply.

Having done nothing to merit such a punishment, finding myself reduced not merely to poverty, but what is still worse to a heart like mine, seeing my honor dragged through the mud by my own mother, I desire to defend myself.

I shall relate succinctly my life during eight years and a half. I am driven to take this desperate course, for my family, by its influence, has shown me clearly its object, that of reducing me to helplessness by imposing its will on my defenders and closing my mouth even before the tribunal.

Guilty in appearance before public opinion, it is desired to have me remain so in order that my mother may be acquitted and I condemned.

Let us see on which side is the wrong, on which the right.

In 1861, after having quitted my family for the principal reasons with which every one is acquainted, for which I blame myself, and for which I shall repent to the hour of my death, I remained alone in the world, for immediately after my mother, under the pretext of not being able to quit her son-in-law, my husband, abandoned me entirely. I ask whether, notwithstanding my faults, she was right as a mother in passing over to the camp of the enemy?

Would she not have done better to come to me, her child, and as a woman to extend her hand to raise me and place me in a right course? No; she put her foot on my head to crush me still more.

Strange woman! Had she no idea of what she exposed me to—me, a spoiled child *par excellence*—spoiled by society, spoiled by every one; me, who had been reared to believe myself a phœnix? She did not understand the peril in which she flung me head foremost.

I wrote to her at that time to ask the support of her tenderness. She repulsed me. I asked her at least to give me news of the children. I received the following reply on a scrap of paper:—

"You are unworthy to receive news of your children."

I was guilty. Oh, yes, I own it: but was that a reason to drive me to despair, and, as a consequence of that despair, to folly?

Folly came; after long weeping, after nights passed without sleep, I sought a consolation. I required some object in life. My imagination, too ardent and rendered unhealthy at that time by grief, my mind nervous and agitated, all drove me to act like a spoiled child. Without experience, for it was not years that were wanting to me, it was the experience of life, I committed the enormous folly, a folly without name a thousand times more blamable, I will say more ridiculous, to believe myself predestined for the theatre—to study the dramatic art.

For this purpose I repaired to Paris, where a friend of my childhood—a noble heart, a mind such as is rarely to be met with (the Princess de Metternich), put aside the prejudices of the world and came to me without fearing the millions of calumnies that people would amuse themselves inventing respecting me. She wanted to judge for herself, and she saw that the world had lied.

Although young, she assumed the *rôle* that my mother should have taken from the commencement, and that the latter had never adopted.

"Julie," said to me this friend, "I believe that you are always the same, loyal and good, but in the name of heaven quit this false route; you are not born for the theatre; neither your rank nor your position authorizes this career. I know that you have labored seriously, but sacrifice what you have done to your mother, to your children. Every one will approve of your conduct."

The advice of that friend, a woman distinguished for her superior qualities, went straight to my heart. I felt an ardent desire to return into a good path, and I therefore obeyed her with joy and gratitude. I then understood the danger in which a woman is placed who departs from the line traced out for the commonest of mortals. I shall all my life thank the noble and courageous friend who facilitated to me this return to reason.

From that time I experienced an invincible repugnance to every kind of extravagant tendency.

The same friend of whom I speak with so much gratitude is a witness of the calm and respectable life which I have led for the last six years. But far from bringing my mother nearer to me, it appeared to widen the distance between us. I besought her to come and see me were it only for eight days; I a hundred times reiterated this prayer, but in vain.

Still the same friend, and many others in addition, old and young, gave her to understand how much filial love had encouraged me in my good resolutions, but she listened neither to that friend nor to the others who made the same representations to her. My mother had always some frivolous pretext for not coming. She had no money to undertake the journey; she had no time; she feared to offend her son-in-law in acting as a mother; she had, it seems, begun to regard me with horror.

I passed my existence weeping; all my friends sympathized with troubles so little merited, but I suffered in silence, with resignation and without deviating from my good resolutions. For if my mother was not near to guide and advise me, there was in the other world the soul of my father-in-law, which did not abandon me. That cherished, holy, and respected souvenir gave me strength to struggle against evil and persevere in good.

I had committed a censurable act eight and a half years previously, in quitting my poor children, but I had committed it in a moment of giddiness and apprehension. Vengeance has been taken on me by holding them up as the most implacable judges of my conduct. During those eight years I made three loyal and unrestricted attempts to repair, as far as I could, that fault. In the third of these attempts, the friend of whom I speak, and who professes great influence, supported my cause with my family, but they cast me off all the same. And yet I made but one modest request:—"To return home to take the last of places: to be there even less than the least of servants, in order to enjoy, after a long martyrdom, the right of being still the mother of my children."

Each time they replied to me with a humanity without example, that all that was not sufficient. My mother, not satisfied with wringing my heart, endeavored two years ago to punish me physically. She took back from me at that time 300 florins, out of the small monthly allowance of 700 florins which she gave me. I resisted this act of injustice, but again, and as before, in vain. She would not yield, and assigned for cause the debts contracted by my brother. I continued, therefore, to live not merely an isolated life, but also an existence materially very poor, but still more and more tranquil and respectable.

When, about ten months ago, without any reason and without notice of any sort, my allowance from my mother ceased, I thought that it was merely a delay, and at last wrote in order to avoid the recurrence of such painful disappointments in regard to so small an allowance. It was not thought necessary even to reply to me. Neither my mother nor her first employé, to whom I also addressed myself, felt themselves called upon to give any signs of life. I wrote letters still more pressing; the same silence. Friends, relatives wrote on my behalf. None of them received answers. I thought that I should have lost my reason. This silence lasted four months; my mother finished by sending me back my letters unread. My letters, written from the heart, would have moved a rock. My mother remained indifferent to them.

During these four months of mortal silence it was perhaps hoped that I would die of hunger or that I would have flung myself into the Seine in despair. I was exposed to everything by this obstinate mutism—to suicide, to dishonor, to theft as a means of sustaining life.

I remained months sustained merely by potatoes or haricot beans, which I cooked myself. In eating I watered them with more tears than I thought I could have shed during my whole life. Finding, at the end of four months, to the great regret of my mother, that I still lived, that I had committed no crime which would authorize her to disembarrass herself of the support of a daughter whom she detested, by casting her into a prison of some kind, she made me an offer which I could not accept, namely, that she would restore me the miserable monthly pension which she had formerly allowed me if I would sell at that price the fortune which had been left me by the will of my poor, adored father-in-law.

I was forced, seeing that no gentle means was likely to lead to an acceptable result, to address myself to the tribunals. The following was my demand:—

That my mother should pay me the ten months' arrears, in order that I might acquit my obligations towards the friends who had lent me the means to live.

I also demanded that my alimentary pension should be fixed from that time by the law, in proportion to the fortune of my mother and the number of her children. We are but two, my brother and myself. The income of my mother—the net income—is 100,000 florins.

In short, I desire, after having assured my present, to secure my future. I wish to convince myself if my half share, the life use of which my mother enjoys, is much embarrassed or at all endangered. I must do this during the life of my mother, for after her death there would be no means of remedying the mischief done.

I claim only my right, and the law will accord it to me. Noble and devoted friends, intimately acquainted with the unjustifiable conduct of my mother, promise me their support in everything to the end of this revolting struggle.

On arriving here my first duty was to repair to Lanschiter to the tomb of my poor father. The state in which I found this tomb made me comprehend everything. This souvenir had not been respected. The tomb was in ruins. The letters of the inscription on the white marble cross are in a great measure effaced: the lime of the walls of the chapel is falling in on every side, and the bricks are following it. The grave even has a withered appearance. Two or three rose trees, planted twenty years ago, regard each other in the distance, and to weep over their abandonment. And over this desolated grave I whom he had cherished as if I had been his own child knelt sobbing with my heart torn and without bread. While at Bakersan my mother is living in great style, she has not money sufficient to keep in order the grave of him to whom she owes everything, or a copper to fling to me. But on this grave I have taken an oath to avenge that sacred memory, outraged in my person—the dearest object that the departed one cherished on earth.

Not content with doing me all the evil she could, my mother has never thought of effacing, in the eyes of the world, my past faults, by dwelling with the maternal pride which ought to be instinctive on my life of reparation. On the contrary, the more she, her intimates, and her employés have been able to blacken me in the eyes of the world, the more they have done it.

This letter has no other object than that of clearing my honor, which is the honor of my children. Since my mother has not undertaken to do it, I must do it myself, for I ask of every loyal heart if there can be a more poignant grief than that of having always been honest and being treated as criminal.

I recognize in but one person the right of never pardoning me my faults, for he only has been wounded by them. God, my mother, and society have justly punished me for them. After many years of repentance God has pardoned me. My mother is more severe than God.

Before the Court my mother's lawyer told me that my mother owed me no allowance, that being of age I ought to earn my own bread, and the Judge did not contradict him. I endeavored to refute this assertion, but the Judge told me curtly to hold my tongue. I suppose because my defense should have been offered by my lawyer, but the latter found it convenient to allow this incident to pass unobserved. This law does not exist for us children of aristocrats. We have not been reared to earn our bread. In what manner, then, does my mother's lawyer mean that I should gain a livelihood? * * *

Let the world utter a shout of blame and indignation at such an infamy.

COMTESSE JULIE BATHYANY APRAXIN.

P. S.—Let my mother thank her defender, advocate, and counsellor for the censure which this letter will justly cause to be cast on her. The world must not imagine that I have employed in these pages all my arms. I have held in reserve the most venomous, and will only use them in the event of my being forced to use them.

CITY ORDINANCES.

AN ORDINANCE

To make an Appropriation to Pay the Interest on the Funded Debt of the City of Philadelphia falling due on the first of January, 1870.

Section 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the sum of one million two hundred and fifty thousand (1,250,000) dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to pay the interest on the funded debt of the city of Philadelphia falling due on the first day of January, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and seventy.

Warrants for the payment of said interest shall be drawn as follows:—The City Treasurer shall present to the Mayor of the city of Philadelphia a list of the loan-holders to be paid as aforesaid; the amount of the principal of the debt owned by them respectively; the rate and amount of interest accrued; the amount of state tax to be deducted and retained, and the net sum due for interest; and at the foot of each list the Mayor shall add the following warrant:—

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——— ———
Mayor of Philadelphia.

The said lists and warrants shall be presented to the City Controller, to be countersigned by him.

LOUIS WAGNER,
President of Common Council.

Attest—
BENJAMIN H. HAINES,
Clerk of Select Council.

THOMAS A. BARLOW,
President of Select Council pro tem.

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At the auction rooms, No. 522 Chesnut street, by catalogue, the entire collection of modern oil paintings, all elegantly framed. 12 20 2t

MASON & CO.'S NINTH SALE OF A VALUABLE COLLECTION OF COINS, Pattern Pieces, Medals, Continental Money, etc.
On Tuesday Afternoon,
Dec. 21, at 3½ o'clock, at the auction rooms, No. 522 Chesnut street, by catalogue, 625 lots very valuable Coins. Included will be found:—United States silver dollars of 1836 and 1839; also, 1842, 1851, and 1855; proofs United States cents of 1791, 1799, 1804, and 1857; very rare and fine Carolina Elephant cent, 1694; Chalmers' Annapolis three pence, 1783; United States proof sets of silver; pattern pieces; United States medals; political medals; rare Continental and Colonial paper money; rare relics; minerals, etc.
May be seen on the day of sale. 12 13 7t

Sale at the Auction Rooms.
HANDSOME WALNUT PARLOR, CHAMBER, AND DINING ROOM FURNITURE,
Elegant French Mirrors, Rosewood Piano Forte, by Chickering, Fire-Proofs, Handsome Sideboards, Extension Tables, China and Glassware, Carpets, Etc.
On Wednesday Morning,
Dec. 22, at 10 o'clock, at the auction rooms, No. 522 Chesnut street, by catalogue, an excellent assortment of handsome household furniture, fine French plate mantel and pier mirrors, Chickering piano-forte, superior fire-proof safes by Lillie, Evans & Watson, and others; handsome sideboards, extension dining tables, fine China and glassware, Brussels, ingrain, and other carpets; desks and office furniture, fancy goods, etc.
Also, 2 fine silver-mounted show cases.
Also, 2 fancy toy houses. 12 20 2t

THOMAS BIRCH & SON, AUCTIONEERS AND COMMISSION MERCHANTS, No. 1110 CHESNUT Street, rear entrance No. 1107 Sansom street.

Sale at 520 Arch street.
STOCK OF A DENTAL DEPOT, SHOWCASES, FIRE-PROOF, ETC.
On Tuesday Morning,
December 21, at 10 o'clock, at No. 520 Arch street, will be sold the stock of dental furniture, machinery, tools, instruments, etc.
Also, elegant silver-mounted plate-glass counter and wall showcases; Lillie fire-proof chest; counter, platform and prescription scales, etc.
Catalogues are now ready, and can be had at the depot or at the auction store. 12 18 2t

SALE OF FANCY GOODS FOR CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.
On Tuesday Morning,
At 10 o'clock, at the auction store, No. 1110 Chesnut street, will be sold an assortment of goods suitable for Christmas presents, comprising elegant Bohemian toilet sets, vases, etc.; morocco satchels, bags, and ladies' companions; desks; work-boxes; tops; paint-boxes; cigar-boxes; perfumery caskets; zephyr goods, etc. 12 13 2t

SALE OF ELEGANT WATCHES AND JEWELRY, MAGIC LANTERNS, ETC.,
Estate of JOHN M. HARPER.
On Wednesday Morning,
At 10 o'clock, at the auction store, No. 1110 Chesnut street, will be sold, the balance of the stock of John M. Harper, deceased, consisting of gold and silver watches, gold vest chains, chatelaine chains and pins, gold jewelry, studs, sleeve buttons, finger rings, necklaces, bracelets, pencils, etc.
MAGIC LANTERN.—Also, will be sold, a superior magic lantern, with over 200 slides, representing Scripture and other subjects, cost over $500.
FIRE-PROOF CHEST, ETC.—Also, one fire-proof chest; scales for gold and silver, iron lined trunk, etc. 20 2t

SALE OF COINS, BOOKS, ENGRAVINGS, CURIOSITIES, AUTOGRAPHS, COLONIAL MONEY, ETC.,
On Wednesday,
Dec. 22d, at 2½ o'clock P. M., will be continued, the sale of Prof. M. W. Dickeson's collection, consisting of American silver and copper Colonial and Washington pieces; miscellaneous coins, medals, cards, tokens, etc., books, pamphlets, autographs, prints, minerals and curiosities.
Catalogues now ready at the auction store. 12 20 2t

FLORENCE FITZPATRICK, AUCTIONEER, No. 537 CHESNUT Street, opposite the State House.

GREAT SALE OF HOLIDAY GOODS.
On Monday,
20th inst., commencing at 10 o'clock, at the store, No. 537 Chesnut street, will be sold, without reserve, in lots to suit dealers and others, a stock of over $50,000 worth of useful and fancy goods, suitable for holiday presents, viz.:—Family and photographic Bibles, albums, picture frames, work-boxes, fancy baskets, writing-desks, staple and fancy stationery, clocks, watches, jewelry, silver and plated ware, fine table and pocket cutlery, hosiery, notions, foreign sea-shells, and an immense variety of useful and fancy goods.
Consignments solicited. Liberal cash advances on consignments. 12 17 3t

BY BARRITT & CO., AUCTIONEERS.
CASH AUCTION HOUSE, [11 24 f
No. 220 MARKET Street, corner of Bank street.
Cash advanced on consignments without extra charge.

SPECIAL AND ATTRACTIVE SALE OF FURS, FURS, FURS, Selected for the Christmas Holidays, in Single Sets and Lots to Suit Purchasers.
On Tuesday Morning,
December 21, by catalogue, commencing at 10 o'clock, 1500 lots of high cost and elegant Goods, viz.:—Ladies' Misses', and Children's Russian, Hudson Bay and Mink Sable, Siberian Squirrel, French Ermine, Water Mink, American and German Fitch.
Also, Robes, Afghans, Rugs, etc., viz., Wolf, Fox, Buffalo, Bear, Cat Skin, etc. 12 18 2t

C. D. McCLEES & CO., AUCTIONEERS, No. 506 MARKET Street.

LARGE AND ATTRACTIVE SALE OF BOOTS, SHOES, BROGANS, ETC.,
On Thursday Morning,
Dec. 23, at 10 o'clock, including a large line of ladies', misses', and children's city-made goods, to which we invite the attention of the trade. 12 20 3t

LIPPINCOTT, SON & CO., AUCTIONEERS, No. 240 MARKET Street.

On Wednesday, Dec. 22,
LARGE POSITIVE SALE OF 850 LOTS FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC DRY GOODS, SILKS, LINENS, L. C. HDKFS, FURS, MILLINERY GOODS, NOTIONS, ETC. 12 20 2t

CONCERT HALL AUCTION ROOMS, No. 1219 CHESNUT Street.
T. A. McCLELLAND, Auctioneer.

SALE AT THE WAREROOMS OF JOSEPH WALTON & CO., No. 413 WALNUT STREET.
On Friday Morning,
Dec. 24, commencing at 10½ o'clock, will be sold, by catalogue, the large stock of furniture, manufactured by the well-known house of Joseph Walton & Co., and which was slightly damaged by the late fire at their store, but has now been put in complete condition, and will be sold at their warerooms on the day above named, without reserve.
N. B.—For particulars and catalogues call at the store of the auctioneer, T. A. McClelland. No. 1219 Chesnut street. 12 20 4t

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

EXPLOSION.

A Locomotive Goes Asunder at Port Richmond—One Man Killed and Three Injured.

A terrible locomotive explosion took place this morning at the Richmond coal wharves, which resulted in serious injuries to several persons and the loss of one man's life.

At twenty minutes of 10 o'clock the locomotive [illegible], belonging to the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad, which was stationed at the time on a siding in front of the round house at the upper depot, Port Richmond, exploded with terrible force, killing the engineer, and seriously injuring several others.

The Annapolis was one of the heaviest and largest engines in use on the road, but was old and considerably worn, and had been put to the use of shifting, or making up trains at the coal wharves. It was engaged in this service at the time of the accident.

The engine was completely shattered, and the ground for some distance around is covered with pieces of the wreck. One of the main shafts of the engine was broken into three pieces, and the dome, weighing some three tons, was carried bodily through the air for a distance of about a square.

The boiler and other parts were blown into the smallest fragments. Two of the heavy doors belonging to the round-house, which were about seventy feet distant, were broken from their hinges and thrown inward. Nearly every pane of glass in that building which faced towards the scene of the accident was broken. The telegraph wires along the line of the road were all broken down, and the connections impaired.

Joseph Nagle, the engineer of the Annapolis, was thrown a distance of about a hundred yards, and instantly killed. His body is much bruised and mutilated. He was about thirty years of age, and leaves a wife and two or three small children. The fireman of the Annapolis, James Brady, was seriously injured.

James Taylor, the engineer of the Gold Mine, which was standing on the track alongside of the Annapolis, had his arm and some of his ribs broken. He has also received other internal injuries. Taylor has a wife and three children. It has only been two weeks since he met with another accident, which resulted in the loss of two of his fingers. He was removed to the Episcopal Hospital. His injuries were of such a character that his recovery is doubtful.

John Forbes, engineer of the Lexington, also standing near the Annapolis, received several injuries. The Coroner was notified to hold an inquest on the body of the victim, but up to the hour of the report had not arrived. No cause can be assigned for the explosion.

LOCAL ODDS AND ENDS.—Woman is to be dissected to-night at Concert Hall.

—An inebriated individual was last night found in a graveyard by one of Daniel's disciples. Mr. Hiccup endeavored to make "blue coat" believe he was a petrified giant.

—The ingrain carpet weavers meet again to-night. Oh! wirra! wirra!

—The saviors of Rome will be present at Horticultural Hall to-night.

—Our retail dry goods men anticipate a heavy business this week.

—Country cousins, aunts, and grandmothers are crowding in.

—The Veteran Sixty-ninth is fast passing out of existence.

—Remember the poverty-stricken in your munificence.

—Fancy drinks are principally "tangle-foot benzine."

—Eighth street is already beginning to "wear the green."

—The Mormon elders held another pow-wow last night.

—Recorder Givin is opposed to capital punishment.

—The Monroe doctrine is virtually a dead fish.

—Appearances indicate a heavy fall of snow.

—Germantown pines for a sensation.

THE ANNUAL EXHIBITION AT HORTICULTURAL HALL OF THE PENNSYLVANIA POULTRY SOCIETY.—The annual exhibition or great poultry show, under the auspices of the officers of the Pennsylvania Poultry Society, commences this evening at Horticultural Hall, Broad street, below Locust. This exhibition promises to be one of the finest, if not the very best, display of the domestic feathered tribe and other domestic animals which has ever been witnessed in the State of Pennsylvania. The preparations have been very extensive and elaborate, and Horticultural Hall will present a rare and attractive appearance during the continuance of the display. It will require all of one day's work to get the exhibition in working order. A great number of rare specimens of poultry will be exhibited, and a number of very valuable prizes have been prepared, which will be conferred upon the exhibitors of the best specimens. It will be something of a job to award them, as the number of competitors is very great. As this will be the finest opportunity ever presented of inspecting the productions of our poultry-raising community, the exhibition will be well worth a visit. It will continue every day this week.

HEARINGS AT THE CENTRAL STATION.—Before Alderman Kerr, committing magistrate, at the Central Station, this afternoon, was arraigned Mrs. Ellen McCready, on the charge of keeping a disorderly house at No. 6 Hustman's court, back of 320 German street. The accused was held in $800 bail to answer.

Blake Townsend was charged with stealing some wearing apparel from the boarding house 1209 Locust street. He was held in $600 bail to answer.

Jacob Eberle No. 1 and Jacob Eberle No. 2, members of the gang of "Forty Thieves," were arrested at American and Jefferson streets last night, on the charge of disorderliness and attempted theft. They were committed to answer.

Henry Clett was charged with the theft of a watch and chain, valued at $35, from Arthur L. McKay, at Broad and Wallace streets, on the 14th instant. He was held in $1800 bail to answer.

James Burke and R. P. McCaffrey were held in $2000 bail each to answer the charge of attempting to rob the house of Mrs. Wortley, southwest corner of Third and Dickerson streets, on Friday last.

AT THE BEDFORD STREET MISSION, according to a generous custom, a grand Christmas dinner will be given to the denizens of the locality on Saturday next. It is expected that at least three hundred of the outcasts and ragamuffins of the neighborhood will partake of this repast, and it will take more than one turkey and more than once mince-pie to fill the empty stomachs of this hungry multitude. The dinner will be given only to the more deserving class—those who would be better off if they had a fair show in the world, especially the children who are born into the birthright of misery and amid surroundings of a criminal character. Such of our readers as have enough of this world's comforts and to spare should remember the wants of this occasion, and send contributions in the shape of turkeys, chickens, mince-pies, and all other Christmas delicacies, to the missionary, Rev. John D. Long, No. 619 Bedford street.

ROUGH HANDLING.—On Saturday night a row occurred amongst a party of Terpsichorean revellers at Salmon street and Lehigh avenue. Their boisterousness becoming annoying, Officer McCormick interfered, and arrested one of the party. The friends, however, came to his assistance, and clubbed the knight of the club so severely that he was glad to get away with his life. Subsequently two of the gang were arrested and held in $1500 bail by Alderman Neill to answer. They gave their names as Thomas McQuillen and Edward Carr.

BOARD OF SURVEYS.—The Board of Surveys held its regular stated meeting this morning.

Sewers were ordered to be constructed in Callowhill street, between Seventeenth and Eighteenth streets, and Columbia avenue, between Randolph and Seventh streets. The principal portion of the session was taken up with discussions upon the revision of the plan of Church street, Twenty-third ward. No definite result was reached, and the Board adjourned, postponing the matter until the next meeting.

ROBBERY AND RECOVERY.—On Friday night the residence of Christopher Donet, at Chesnut Hill, was entered and robbed of a pistol, pair of rubber shoes, bottle of brandy, and $8 in cash. The same night a seedy-looking vagrant applied at the police station for lodging, which he obtained. On leaving in the morning, he left behind him a bag containing all of the articles, excepting the cash.

DISHONEST "HELP."—Mr. Charles J. Roberts, residing at 615 Franklin street, some time ago, employed as a domestic one Margaret Sullivan. All went well until yesterday afternoon, when Margaret took French leave, also taking with her a lot of articles of value to Mr. R. She was subsequently captured and Alderman Massey held her in $500 bail to answer.

ASSAULT AND BATTERY.—Before Recorder Givin this morning James Higgans, residing No. 324 Dugan street, was charged with committing an assault and battery with intent to kill upon one Dennis Shea, at Ninth and Locust streets, on Friday night last. The accused was held in $800 bail to answer.

MARTIN BROTHERS, auctioneers, sold at the Philadelphia Exchange this morning—

Several Mercantile Library shares at $7 each.

Property southeast corner Ridge road and Green street, subject to a ground rent of $60, $4450.

RAILROAD OPENING.—To-day the Medford Railroad was opened with the usual ceremonies. A large number of gentlemen from this city were present.

THIRD EDITION

WASHINGTON.

Information Concerning the Circuit Judges Asked of the President—Newspapers to Go Free Through the Mails.

FROM WASHINGTON.

The Circuit Judges.

Special Despatch to The Evening Telegraph.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—It is expected when the Senate goes into Executive session to-day, a resolution will be passed calling upon the President to communicate the recommendations upon which the Circuit Judges were appointed. Also the names of parties who asked for appointment. The President has already refused to furnish this information to the Judiciary Committee, and it is said will decline to give it to the Senate.

The Georgia Bill in the House.

It is feared there are not enough Republicans in their seats to-day to suspend the rules for the purpose of taking up the Georgia bill. In this case it will have to be formally referred to the Reconstruction Committee and reported to-morrow for passage.

The Naval Board.

The Secretary of the Navy does not propose to send to the House the proceedings of the board appointed to settle the difficulty between line and staff of the navy, on the ground that the labors of the board are not yet finished.

Newspapers in the Mails.

A resolution was offered to-day instructing the Postal Committee to report a bill providing for the free transmission of daily and weekly newspapers through the mails to *bona fide* subscribers. This is in accordance with a recommendation of the Postmaster-General in his late report.

Cuban Affairs.

Mr. Fitch, of Nevada, will move a suspension of the rules to get a special committee of five members appointed to take charge of all matters relating to Cuban affairs. It will be opposed by the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Hon. E. M. Stanton Nominated for the Supreme Court.

The President has nominated Edwin M. Stanton to be Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, vice Grier, resigned.

CONGRESS.

FORTY-FIRST TERM—SECOND SESSION.

Senate.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Mr. Carpenter presented petitions from members of the legal profession of New York, asking for an increase of the salaries of the Judges of the United States Courts.

Mr. Kellogg presented a petition from citizens of New Orleans for a Navy Yard at Westport. Referred.

A large number of petitions for the removal of political disabilities, and from citizens of Buffalo for the removal of the duty on coal, were presented.

Mr. Anthony, from the Committee on Printing, reported, with an amendment, the joint resolution for publication, for the use of the Senate [illegible] copies, and for the use of House 5000, of the [illegible] the death of the late Senator Fessenden, with an accompanying portrait of deceased. The bill was passed.

Mr. Patterson reported favorably the House joint resolution to annul the leasing of the Custom House block in San Francisco.

The joint resolution was read. Mr. Patterson stating that the committee has ascertained that the reports that there was a job in the matter were unfounded; though the rate of $12,500 per year in coin offered for the site might now be sufficient, it would not possibly be sufficient for the period during which the lease was to continue, being 25 years.

He alluded to the difficulty of determining the proper site for a public building in that city, on account of the liability of the ground being shaken by earthquakes, though New England had experienced more violent earthquakes than San Francisco. The real question was whether the Secretary of the Treasury had any right to lease this land.

Mr. Ramsey remarked that the alleged affinity of earthquakes for New England territory might furnish a good reason for the Government dispensing with the improvements of certain public buildings, the Custom House among others.

Mr. Patterson replied that the people of Boston were not very greatly exercised about the Custom House tumbling down, and were willing, as New England people generally are, to assume all legitimate risks.

Mr. Cole explained the facts connected with the lease, believing it to be the best that the Government could obtain. He vindicated his course in the matter, remarking that it had been in harmony with the wishes of the Congressional representation from California. He was willing that the pending bill should pass, but gave notice that he would ask at the hands of Congress some profitable disposition of the property in question.

Remarks were also made by Messrs. Casserly, Corbett and Williams, the latter remarking that the Secretary of the Treasury had been actuated by the wisest course in protecting the interests of the Government, but that it was better at this time for the Government to disapprove the lease.

The joint resolution was then passed.

Mr. Morrill (Vt.) reported formally the bill relative to repealing the duties on canned and preserved fish.

He stated that these articles had been overlooked in the bill repealing the duties on preserved fruit, etc.

Mr. Trumbull, from the Judiciary Committee, reported a joint resolution declaring Virginia entitled to representation in Congress.

Mr. Schurz introduced a bill to reform the civil service, and addressed the Senate in explanation of its provisions.

House.

Mr. Kelley presented the memorial of the Senators and Representatives of Tennessee in Congress praying Congress to interfere for the relief of the loyal citizens of Tennessee against the recent or pending revolutionary proceedings in that State, and for the maintenance of a republican form of government therein.

Bills and resolutions were, under the call of States, introduced and referred as follows:—

By Mr. Poland, providing for a free system of national banking.

By Mr. Starkweather, to provide a United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas.

By Mr. Tanner, to regulate the taking of bail in civil and criminal cases.

By Mr. Hill, declaratory of the act of 27th July, 1868, for an American line of mail and emigrant passenger steamships between New York and one or more European ports.

By Mr. Welker, to amend the act of June 1, 1869, to define more clearly the jurisdiction and powers of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia.

By Mr. Bingham, granting pensions to the surviving soldiers' widows of the war of 1812.

By Mr. Heaton, authorizing the building of a third or fourth order light-house at Chicamicomico, in the vicinity of Bodie's island, N. C., and appropriating $30,000.

By Mr. Williams, in reference to the constitutional power of Congress to regulate and limit the tariff of rates of railroad companies extending through two or more States, and for the protection of the producing States of the West.

By Mr. Niblack, to suspend the provisions of the act of March 18, 1869, to strengthen the public credit, until the United States shall resume the payment in coin of all the obligations of the Government. Also, to regulate the appraisement and inspection of imposts in certain cases.

By Mr. Tyner, to exempt certain instruments and papers from stamp duties.

By Mr. Coburn, to incorporate the University of the Blind in the District of Columbia.

By Mr. Hawley, to provide for the erection of a Custom House, Post Office, and other Government offices at Quincy, Illinois.

By Mr. Hay—To distribute the number and rank of Government employes among the several States and Territories. Also, to repeal so much of the Internal Revenue law as requires agricultural societies to take out United States licenses in order to hold their fairs, and to pay two per cent. on the gross receipts thereof.

By Mr. Farnsworth—Abolishing the franking privilege.

By Mr. Van Horn—Allowing duties on imposts to Kansas City to be reserved and paid at that place. Also, for holding terms of the United States District Court for the Oberlin District of Missouri in Kansas City.

By Mr. McCormick (Mich.), authorizing the Third Auditor to pay claims for horses lost in the battle of Pilot Knob, Missouri.

By Mr. Burdett—To regulate labor contracts made with emigrants to the United States.

By Mr. Finkelnburg—To establish an assay office in St. Louis. Also to confer jurisdiction on the Court of Claims to decide the claims of the City of Carondelet.

By Mr. Loughridge, to provide for the security of the Government in the erection of public buildings. Also, to provide for the payment of bounty to soldiers discharged by reason of sickness contracted in the line of duty.

By Mr. Palmer—Amendatory of the act of June 27, 1865, to provide for the revision and consolidation of United States statute laws. Also, appropriating $65,000 for completing the payment of expenses of the election held in the First Military District of Virginia, on July 6, 1869, and the expenses of registration.

By Mr. Wilkinson, for the protection of settlers within the Fort Ridgeley Military Reservation, Minnesota.

By Mr. McCormick (Arizona), authorizing the acceptance of volunteers by the Governor of Arizona Territory. Also to make the Territory of Arizona a separate surveying district.

Resolutions were offered as follows:—

By Mr. Cox, declaring that among the evils growing out of the late civil war is that of an irredeemable paper currency; that it is one of the highest duties of the Government to secure to the citizens a medium of exchange of fixed value; that that implies a return to a specie basis; that no substitute for it can be devised; that it should commenced now, and be reached at the earliest practicable moment. Referred to the Committee on Banking and Currency.

FROM NEW YORK.

Failure.

ALBANY, Dec. 20.—The failure of the firm of Charles T. Shepard & Co., flour dealers, with $60,000 liabilities at Buffalo and $40,000 at Oswego, is announced. It is said that their creditors will not lose heavily.

A False Report.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—D. K. Colborn's death published in the morning papers, is untrue. He is alive and well.

—Reports from Oregon indicate that the taxes are being collected much more easily this year than usual, because money is abundant. It is pleasant to read this of Oregon.

FOURTH EDITION

EUROPE.

Cardinal Mathieu Sent to Paris on a Secret Mission from the Pope—Mrs. Lander Favorably Received by a London Audience—The Rioting in Londonderry.

FROM EUROPE.

A Papal Mission to France.

By the Anglo-American Cable.

ROME, Dec. 20.—The fact that Cardinal Matthieu had received leave of absence was stated a day or since. It now transpires that he is to proceed to Paris on a mission to the Emperor, from his Holiness the Pope.

An American Actress in England.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—The *Post* and other journals speak highly of the American actress, Mrs. Lander, who made her *debut* as "Elizabeth," at the Lyceum Theatre, on Saturday evening.

The Londonderry Riots.

The London *Times* of to-day blames the Government for its vacillation at Londonderry in protesting against rather than forbidding the display. The result, however, the *Times* admits was better than was expected.

FROM WASHINGTON.

The Georgia Bill in the House.

Special Despatch to The Evening Telegraph.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The Democrats have commenced to filibuster to prevent Butler from getting the Georgia bill before the House for consideration. The Republicans, however, have near two-thirds, and will suspend all rules for the purpose of considering the Georgia bill, if the Democrats insist in their filibustering. Fernando Wood leads the Democrats in opposition to the bill, while Farnsworth and the conservative Republicans move a side issue in favor of Virginia. There is no doubt of the passage of the Georgia bill.

Confirmation of Judge Stanton.

Despatch to the Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The Senate, on receiving the nomination of Judge Stanton, immediately went into executive session, and confirmed the nomination by a vote of 46 to 11.

CONGRESS.

House.

Continued from the Third Edition.

By Mr. Reeves—Directing the Secretary of War to communicate reports, estimates, etc., as to the feasibility and cost of cutting through Hallett's Point of Hell Gate, about the head of Long Island Sound, a channel sufficiently straight and deep to remove or materially reduce the perils now attending navigation there. Also, as to the progress of the work in blasting Hell Gate. Adopted.

By Mr. Moore (N. J.), instructing the Committee on Territories to inquire what legislation is necessary to suppress polygamy in Utah.

By Mr. Getz, instructing the Post Office Committee to incorporate in any bill that it may report for the abolition of the franking privilege a provision allowing newspapers to be sent to actual subscribers free of charge. Referred to the Post Office Committee.

Mr. Whittemore introduced a bill providing for the assembling of the Virginia Legislature, and the administration of the test oath to its members and officers. Referred to the Committee on Reconstruction.

Mr. Butler (Mass.) informed the House that the Reconstruction Committee had postponed until after the recess the joint resolution as to the admission of Virginia, and said the committee had not sufficient evidence.

Mr. Farnsworth moved to suspend the rules that he might introduce and put upon its passage a joint resolution that Virginia has performed the required acts entitling her to representation in Congress, and that she is entitled to such representation.

The House refused to suspend the rules, yeas, 63; nays, 105.

Mr. Butler moved at 2:30 to proceed to the business on the Speaker's table in order to take up and pass the Senate bill to promote the reconstruction of Georgia.

Mr. Wood moved to lay that motion on the table, and called for the ayes and nays. This was understood to be the first of a series of dilatory motions, and was negatived: yeas, 48; nays, 119.

Stock Quotations by Telegraph—3 P. M.

Glendinning, Davis & Co. report through their New York house the following:—

N. Y. Cent. & Hud. R.		Pacific Mail Steam...	47⅜
Com. Stock Scrip...	86¼	Western Union Tel...	39½
do. scrip.....	80⅝	Toledo & Wab. R. R.	49⅛
N. Y. & Erie Rail.	21¾	Mil. & St. Paul R com	72⅝
Pa. and Rea. R.....	99⅛	Mil. & St. Paul pref..	84⅝
Mich. S.R.....	84¾	Adams Express.....	59⅛
Clev. and Pitts. R....	88	Wells, Fargo & Co....	19⅝
Chi. and N. W. com..	68⅛	United States Co....	49⅝
Chi. and N. W. pref..	81	Tennessee 6s, new...	44½
Chi. and R. I. R.....	104¾	Gold.....	120⅝
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$1500 City 6s, N. mun c&p....	99	100 sh Read R..	b10. 49⅞
$150 Sch N 6s, sr.c.	57	200 do.....	b30. 50
$500 Hunt & B Top		400 do.....	49⅛
1 brg bs, Swn...	80	100 do.....	b15. 49⅞
$6000 W Pa R bs....	89		

SECOND BOARD.

$1000 City 6s, N. d b.	98⅝	500 sh St Nich C....	3⅛
15 sh Lit Sch.. s5wn.	42½	200 sh Read R..	b30. 49⅞
3 sh Leh Val.....	58¼	100 do.....	2d. 49⅞
5 sh Ca & Am R...	118½	100 do.....	2d. 49⅞
3 sh Penna. RR..	54	100 do.....	c. 49⅝
100 do.....b20.	54	100 do.....	c. 49⅝
100 do.....	53⅞	100 do.....	b10. 49⅝
2 do.....b5.	54		

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CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—A verdict of $105 has been returned against the Columbus, Chicago, and Indiana Central Railroad in favor of the freight conductor who was thrown under the car by a sudden stopping by the engineer, whereby he lost a leg and arm.

Sudden Death.

R. M. Gullard, a retired merchant, and member of the Board of Education, while teaching Sunday School yesterday, was attacked with congestion of the brain, and soon died.

Accident in a Church.

The floor of the Westminster Presbyterian Church gave way last evening, just before the sermon, falling three feet with a large congregation. No panic followed, and the audience dismissed in good order.

Mysterious Appearance.

A restaurant keeper here has found the head of a Chinaman in a chest of tea well, preserved, though dried up.

Fatal Affray.

An Irish laborer and his wife engaged in a drunken quarrel here, resulting in the death of the man from blows of a club wielded by the woman.

Fall of a Meteor.

Despatch to The Evening Telegraph.

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 20.—A farmer near here saw a meteor fall last night with rapidity. It struck a muddy spot, burying itself in the ground, and formed a hole as large as a barrel. He dug it out while it was still hot and emitting a sulphurous odor. It resembled lava.

WHOA! BASKET.—John Thompson was last night captured at Howard street and Girard avenue, with a harnessed basket in his possession. John could not account for either the basket or the harness, and consequently was sent to Moyamensing.

P. P.—Charles Johnson (colored) was arrested at Seventh and Lombard streets last night, for picking the pocket of a David Hoffman. Alderman Carpenter committed him to prison.

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